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CAPLOT asks ban of PLO in Canada

TORONTO —

CAPLOT (Canadians against PLO Terror), citing Premier Davis' letter and grassroots support from across the country, has urged the federal government "to cease their vacillation" and decide to bar the PLO from attending the UN Conference here in September.

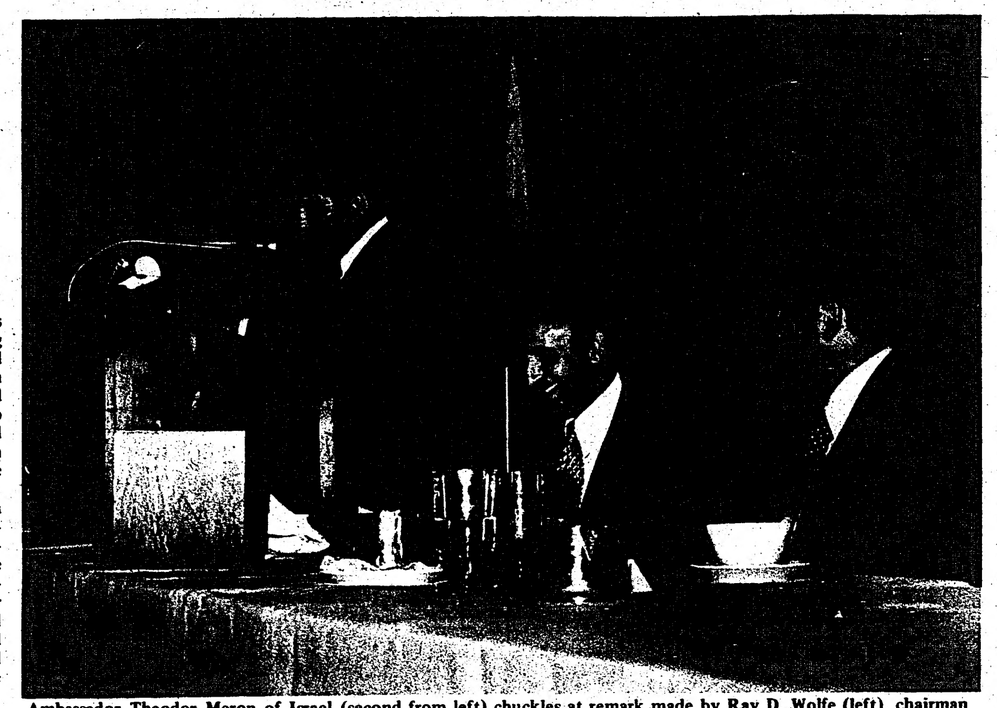
In a statement following a meeting this week of CAPLOT, an amalgam of concerned Canadians of diverse religious and political persuasions, chairman Lou Silver said the provincial Liberal party legislative caucus had also urged the federal government to prevent the PLO from entering Canada. Premier Davis had written Prime Minister Trudeau saying "the people of Ontario would consider it an affront and a provocation if members of terrorist organizations were allowed to enter Canada."

CAPLOT chairman Silver also revealed that his organization learned that the persons organizing the proposed PLO delegation to the UN Conference on Crime and Criminology are the people directly responsible for the killings of Ma'alot. About 30 persons were killed in the 1974 attack.

CAPLOT pointed to a large grassroots response as showing..."the obvious desire of Canadians to bar the PLO".

Robert Nixon and the Liberal caucus of the Ontario Legislative Assembly sent the following telegram to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau:

"We urgently call upon the government of Canada to deny entry to the Palestine Liberation Organization members to attend the UN crime conference. The presence in our country of official representatives of an organization which deliberately and indiscriminately kill innocent people would be an affront to the standards of decency and justices subscribed to by law-abiding Canadians."



Ambassador Theodor Meron of Israel (second from left) chuckles at remark made by Ray D. Wolfe (left), chairman of the Canada–Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, at a luncheon in Montreal last week. The ambassador is leaving his Ottawa post this summer. At right is Chamber director Charles Bronfman of Montreal. (H. Kay photo)

Retiring diplomat praises Chamber for its success in promoting trade

By STEPHANIE BRUSSELL

MONTREAL —

Israeli Ambassador Theodor Meron marked his last appearance before the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the presentation of awards to 31 Canadian businessmen in recognition of their importation and successful promotion of Israeli products in this country.

The certificates were jointly presented by Meron and Ray D. Wolfe, president of the chamber, during a board of director's meeting last week, at Montreal's Chateau Champlain Hotel.

Meron, who will be leaving his Canadian post in August, plans to spend a year teaching at New York University School of Law before returning to his diplomatic career.

Expressing gratitude and appreciation for the work of the Chamber, Meron said that no other body has achieved such success in promoting trade between the two countries.

Israel Trade Commissioner to Canada, Ephraim Raviv, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that the Chamber maintains offices in Toronto and Montreal and the majority of its members come from Quebec and Ontario.

Penetrations into western Canada have been made on a "superficial" level, he stated, and it is hoped that further inroads can be made in this area.

The Chamber and Trade Commission, Raviv explained, work "hand in hand" to promote trade, encourage Canadian investment in Israel, and on the government level to negotiate lines of credit and internationa' investments.

Nearly 400 businessmen attended the reception and luncheon which followed the meeting.

Wolfe told the gathering that the greatest threat to Israel today is an economic one. Despite her serious problems in this area, trade between Israel and Canada was substantially increased in 1974, and this trend is expected to continue. He attributed this to the small group of importers and distributors who improved the balance of Canada-Israel trade.

Introducing the outgoing ambassador, Wolfe praised him for being a "constant source of encouragement" to the chamber and for his active participation in its endeavors.

The ambassador was presented with an Eskimo sculpture as a souvenir of his stay in Canada.

Accepting the gift in French, Meron then addressed the businessmen in English concerning the opening of the Suez Canal.

Israel welcomes this event, he asserted, and she has reduced her men and armaments in the Suez as a gesture of peace and to encourage the "further normalization of civilian life" in the area.

Meron expressed the hope and expectation that the government of Egypt will allow Israel-bound cargo to pass through the Canal unhindered.

Free trade is essential to the life-blood of a nation, he said. "We must trade to live, and boycotts based on racial or religious grounds are repugnant to humanity."

Pointing out Israel's trade agreement with the European Economic Community which will reduce tariffs on Israeli exports gradually until 1977 when they will be eliminated entirely, Meron said that in the future, Canadians can use Israel as a base for their operations with Common Market countries.

Dr. Ernest Lehmann, chairman of the board of Bank Leumi, Israel's largest financial institution, also was a featured speaker.

Citing the balance of payments as Israel's largest economic problem, he said that this is typical of young countries. Lehmann explained that Israel's greatest financial burdens are defense, housing, and social service. Providing housing and services for one immigrant family costs the government approximately $75,000 a year, he attested.

Army duties consistently deplete the labor force and create another drain on the economy.

The foreign debt of Israel has risen to a world record, he maintained. Lehmann said that the economic life of Israel is in a period of redevelopment to reduce its dependence on the outside world.

Emphasizing the extreme importance of foreign trade to the Israeli economy, he said that Israel was entering a new era in a more open market.

Lehmann encouraged all chambers to send out more trade missions to establish personal contacts, and assured the listeners that the nation's international credit lines are excellent.

Since the government instituted its new economic measures, a new realism prevails. There is no sense of "gloom" in the nation and the people believe in their own future, he concluded.

'Pupils highly motivated'

First three grades of day schools get high marks

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

The academic achievements of pupils in the first three grades of Jewish day schools here are equal or superior to those attained in the best public schools in the city, according to the Interim Report on Day Schools released last week.

In the opinion of the Study Committee on Jewish Education, which prepared the 54-page report, "such achievements could be accomplished...because the pupils are highly motivated and come from backgrounds that have provided them with good language experience, some travel and an above average acquaintance with books."

But this standard of achievement levels off in grade six and seven because of the double work load, the report continues.

The report is dated April, 1975, and was commissioned by the United Jewish Welfare Fund. Chairman of the committee was J. Sydney Midanik. A comprehensive report will be issued late in July.

The report surveyed Associated Hebrew School, Eitz Chaim Day Schools, Bialik Day School, United Synagogue Day School, Leo Baeck School, Yeshiva Yesodai Hatorah and Bais Yaakov Elementary School.

It addressed itself to the question of whether the education offered in the day schools is of adequate quality to deserve the continued and increasing support of parents and the community.

But more specifically, the report sought to disclose whether the children receiving their secular education at the day schools were being short-changed.

It was found that the reading ability of children in the first two grades was superior to anything that the evaluators, who conducted the survey, had seen in Toronto's public schools. They attributed this to excellent kindergarten preparation.

The evaluators said they were impressed by the high quality of instruction at the day schools and termed the teachers dedicated and hard working.

Although the quality of textbooks used in all the schools visited was of a high and up-to-date quality, the evaluators called the library facilities "inadequate". They recommended that each library should have a fulltime librarian and should make use of a corps of volunteers to catalogue and distribute materials and assist students.

According to the report, 84.7% of respondants interviewed said they were satisfied with the general studies program while 15.3% said they were not. As for the Hebrew program, 80.3% expressed satisfaction and 19.7% expressed dissatisfaction. Significantly, 62.7% said they would like to see changes made in the day school program. Nevertheless, "the feeling is that the day schools are doing a commendable job in transmitting Jewish heritage and are satisfactorily preparing students in general studies," the report adds.

The Study Committee's recommendations on methodology were as follows:

— introduce research methods of instruction by equipping libraries with suitable material;

— organize classes into interest and ability groupings;

— investigate the possibility of equipping schools with language labs;

— introduce team teaching where feasible, and make further use of audio-visual material;

— teach the sacred texts for the inculcation of values;

— provide opportunities for some teachers to attend professional conferences;

— parallels should be drawn between the past and present in the teaching of Jewish history.

The Study Committee also recommends that a minimum core curriculum should form the basis of any day school study program. And it should include the following:

— Fluency in the reading of Hebrew and a familiarity with the prayer book;

— An acquaintance with Jewish practices to include knowledge of the synagogue, holidays, observances and Jewish objects;

— A knowledge of the narrative portions of the Pentateuch;

— The teaching of modern Jewish history, with special emphasis on the Holocaust;

— The acquisition of enough Hebrew to enable students to understand se-

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Must face reality in our approach to day schools

By PATRICIA RUCKER

Ontario Education Minister Thomas Wells sent a message last week not only to the North York Board of Education but to the entire Jewish community in Ontario.

The message was clear: Jewish day schools, as they now operate, cannot under present law become part of the public school system.

PATRICIA RUCKER

We shouldn't be surprised. The ideals on which the Jewish day school system is based contradict the ideals behind the public school system. The public schools are universal. The Jewish day schools are deliberately and intensively Jewish.

From the beginning, the Ministry of Education made it clear what form integration would have to take in order to be, in the words of the minister, "consistent with the principles on which our public schools are based."

L.E. Maki, regional director of education, wrote in November to the North York Board that "no special schools...based on religious differences should exist within the public school system...we should adhere to the pattern by which groups of students...may take advantage of school facilities for special religious instruction... Such a pattern could...be employed for Jewish students in North York Schools if those students now attending 'Jewish Day Schools' were integrated with the North York Public School System."

Note the phrase, "if those students...were integrated..." Not schools, **students.** The phrasing is repeated in the minister's recent letter: "the North York Board may wish to review the procedures that can and should apply in respect of integration of the students in the Jewish Day School into the schools of your Board."

In plain words, integration within the law means that students — Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and non-religious — would attend public schools where the general studies curriculum would take up five hours, where all courses taught during those five hours, including any with Jewish cultural content, would be subject to ministry approval, and where religious studies would be non-compulsory and taught for the most part outside regular school hours.

Whatever type of school this is, it is not Jewish day school.

So now we know exactly where we stand. We can no longer dream of a world in which Jewish schools are both public and yet still ours, and where all our financial troubles will be solved by government money.

Now we have to decide what to do next.

We can go back to the North York Board and try again — within the system laid out by the minister. But to do so would be to go against a very clear trend. In 1968-69, only 36% of the students attending Jewish schools were in day schools. Five year later, in 1973-74, the percentage had risen to 43%. Parents who want a day school education for their children want it for the very things a public school system does not have: an intensive Jewish atmosphere with all Jewish education during school hours.

We have to face facts. There is simply no way in which any day school presently operating in Metro Toronto can become part of the public school system and remain recognizable.

And so we are left with only one choice — a hard one. If we want our schools to be totally ours, we must pay for them. "Give until it hurts," is, for us, not a slogan but the reality of being a Jew.

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Yadin relates story of how he obtained famed Temple Scroll

By S.K. LAZAROV

TORONTO —

Yigael Yadin, the Israeli archaeologist who made Masada a household word throughout the Jewish world, told a rapt audience here last week how he surreptitiously acquired the Temple Scroll — the most important Dead Sea scroll ever found.

Yadin, who became famous for his historical-philological decoding and interpretations of the Dead Sea and Judean Desert Scrolls, disclosed that the acquisition of the Temple Scroll was a "delicate and rather cloak and dagger affair."

Speaking to the annual dinner of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University at Beth Tzedec Synagogue here, Yadin told of secret meetings in London in 1966 with an alleged Jordanian antiquity dealer who swindled the Israeli government out of $10,000 after leading him to believe he was in possession of the invaluable Temple Scroll.

The "dealer," Yadin said in his 55-minute slide presentation, turned out to be an intermediary, a charlatan who, after pocketing a $10,000 advance, disappeared.

Yadin, who heads the Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology, said this experience so unnerved and disillusioned him that he practically forgot about the Temple Scroll until 1967. After the Six Day War, however, it occurred to him that the real antiquity dealer might be somewhere on the West Bank.

Amazingly, Yadin made contact with the dealer, who had concealed the Temple Scroll under the floor of his home and thereby inadvertently damaged it. Incongruously, the scroll was packed into a Bata shoe box, wrapped in a white towel and bundled up in a plastic bag.

Yadin and a few technicians were aghast to learn that moisture and insects had destroyed part of the scroll, which describes life during the Second Temple era. On top of it all they ran into more frustration because some of the parchment-thin pages were stuck together.

But by dint of patience and technical expertise, 66 pages — or 24 feet of scroll — were salvaged. For the last seven years, Yadin has devoted much of his time and energy to deciphering and editing the scroll, due to be published in three volumes in 1976.

He claimed the scrolls, 30 pages of which are dedicated to the Second Temple, will cast additional light on basic problems of the biblical, mishnaic and talmudic periods, and confirm that the Essenes, a Jewish sect, practiced a single-minded Orthodoxy.

Prof. Yigael Yadin (right), famed as the Masada archeologist, and his wife Carmella, get together with Hebrew University Toronto leaders prior to a dinner last week. At left is A. E. Diamond, Toronto chapter president, and beside him is Dr. Ralph Halbert, member of the university's board and Ontario Region chairman. (Graphic photo)

Sharp drop in investment

Boycott fight failing, B'nai B'rith is told

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

ELLENVILLE, N.Y. —

World Jewry has failed to crack the Arab boycott, which has seriously hurt Israel during the last 20 months, says one of the most highly-regarded specialists in Middle East politics.

Zev Furst, director of the Middle East department of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, painted a gloomy picture of the boycott's effectiveness in a major address last week.

Despite much sympathetic public opinion and great publicity about the boycott, "I am afraid the boycott is alive and well — we have failed to crack it," he told about 250 persons in a keynote address to the Canadian B'nai B'rith 12th annual convention at the Nevele Country Club here.

"To date the ADL's and the entire Jewish communities' exercise against the Arab boycott has been an exercise in frustration and futility", he declared. Furst cited statistics showing a sharp drop in U.S. and Canadian new investments in Israel since the Yom Kippur War.

Companies are still refusing to do business with Israel at an ever-increasing pace, he continued. "And companies that are in Israel, are pulling out at an ever-increasing pace."

Formerly a UN official working under U Thant, Furst affirmed that without government action, the boycott will never be defeated.

Most governments want to stamp out discrimination against the Jews, he continued, but they don't want to do anything regarding the boycott. He pointed out that the U.S. government and its agencies refuse to enforce existing laws.

Governments say the only way the boycott can be solved is to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict, but boycotts are an affront to Western sovereignty, Furst declared.

He did point out that public and private activity has brought results in specific cases, citing the example of Coca Cola going into Israel after earlier refusing to do so. Today, it's Israel largest soft-drink producer.

Earlier in his address, Furst touched on "one of our most dangerous concerns" — joint ventures in Arab countries between North American and Arab companies.

"What disturbs me is the public relations element that is going to evolve as a result of these investments", he said.

Corporate management will become pro-Arab over a period of time, and employees will recognize this and they will inevitably change position on the Middle East, he elaborated, pointing out "our greatest ally has been people."

He urged strong measures to counteract Arab public relations "We have to reach more people," Furst declared. "We need a major education effort. We need a massive literature campaign and more meetings with VIPs."

Another major speaker at the convention was Herman Edelsberg, executive director of the International Council of B'nai B'rith, who defended Henry Kissinger, a man who has been the subject of much criticism lately from Jewish leaders and organizations.

"The Jews in the U.S. have dealt unfairly with Kissinger," he stated. "He can't do anybody any good unless he's a good secretary of state."

The veteran BB official declared Kissinger's policy in the Middle East has achieved for Israel what it couldn't achieve for itself. "It could have been a lot worse," he observed.

"Nobody likes to be a mediator without achievement, he continued. "Kissinger was not altogether unfair in blaming Israel for the recent breakdown in the shuttle diplomacy."

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Rumania friendly

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, returning from a four-day official visit to Rumania recently, said the friendship between Israel and the only Communist bloc country to maintain diplomatic relations with it persisted despite sharp differences over issues pertaining to the Middle East.

Allon said that the most serious divergence was over Bucharest's recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Israel and Rumania are also at loggerheads over the interpretation of Security Council Resolution 242 but the differences there were less pronounced than over the PLO, the foreign minister said.

On the other hand, he reported, his four hours of talks with Rumanian President Nicolai Ceausescu and his several working sessions with Foreign Minister George Macovescu, produced occasions in which both sides publicly reiterated their friendship which was a valuable development in itself. He said agreements were reached on efforts to extend co-operation in trade, tourism and culture and that formal pacts covering those areas would be drafted soon.

A joint communique issued in Bucharest at the end of Allon's visit stated that both sides favored the elimination of out-dated policies of pressure and dictats in international relations. The communique expressed agreement on the urgent need to end the Middle East conflict through diplomatic and other peaceful means.

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About 200 boys from Beersheba and Arad celebrate their bar mitzvahs on the top of Masada next to the ancient ruins of a synagogue. Ceremony was organized by Ministry of Absorption and municipalities.

'BB's role should be more aggressive'

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

ELLENVILLE, N.Y. — B'nai B'rith must adopt a more agressive role in Canada, the organization's new Canadian president, William Morris, declared in his inaugural address.

"We must be visible as a mass member group and we must be bold and innovative in policy and programming," he told 550 persons at the installations ceremony at the B'nai B'rith's District 22 annual convention last week at the Nevele Country Club here.

A Hamilton lawyer, Morris has served as chairman of the directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. He will serve one year as B'nai B'rith president.

Morris called for a rededication to the ideals and principles of B'nai B'rith. "We must reactivate positive thinking to promote these ideals. Action is required at all levels."

Asked about the long-discussed union of B'nai B'rith from coast to coast (District 22 consists of the five Eastern provinces), Morris told **The CJN** there is a proposal to allow the Western Canadian groups to have identification with U.S. districts; and at the same time to have coast to coast programs regarding substantive issues.

"The sooner it can happen, the better," he added.

The new president paid tribute to retiring president Boris Moroz of Montreal, Executive Vice-President Herb Levy of Toronto and Convention Chairman Phil Leon of Hamilton.

This year's four-day convention "sought to penetrate into the most substantive features of contemporaneous concern," said Levy. The organization strived to determine its position after close analysis of all factors involved.

The convention broke into four separate group to hear skilled experts invarious fields. Among them were: Zev Furst, director of the Middle East department of the Anti-Defamation League; Harris Schoenberg, assistant director of B'nai B'rith's UN office; Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education and Si Cohen, international director of community volunteer services of B'nai B'rith International.

There was at times heated discussion over the four days as resolutions were hammered out.

The convention resolved to transmit to BB membership and the media information about Gulf Oil's involvment in Arab propoganda. Testimony before the U.S. Senate foreign relations committee revealed the oil company had given $50,000 to a Beirut bank which eventually ended up in the hands of the PLO for propaganda purposes.

BB officials in Washington called the Gulf revelation the most flagrant example of oil companies' irregular dealings in the Mideast. A number of convention delegates said they planned to send back their credit cards and refrain from using Gulf stations and products.

Regarding the upcoming UN Conference on Crime and Criminality scheduled for September in Toronto, a resolution commended Premier Davis and the Ontario government's stand to oppose the attendance of the PLO at the conference. It also urged the federal government to deny issuance of visas to any representative of the PLO to attend, and urged Metro Toronto Council to take a stand opposing the granting of visas, and, if the visas are granted, to withdraw any support or participation in the affair.

On Soviet Jewry, the convention resolved to appeal to External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen to request the USSR to cease the coersion, intimidation and arrests of Soviet Jews who seeks to emigrate.

BB also called upon the External Affairs department to exert "every possible effort including the withholding of funds, to bring about a reversal of UNESCO's politicization."

In another resolution, the convention asked President Morris to petition MacEachen to use his offices to seek permission for Syrian Jews to emigrate to Canada and other countries.

Likud extremists suffer setback on Sinai troop reduction motion

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Likud hardliners suffered a major defeat in the Knesset last week when they were unable to muster even a majority of their own bloc in support of an agenda motion opposing the government's decision to thin out Israeli forces in Sinai as a unilateral gesture on the eve of the reopening of the Suez Canal.

Eliezer Shostak, of Likud's two-man "Independent Center" faction, the author of the motion, agreed not to force a vote when it became apparent that Likud's Liberal Party and Free Center factions would not support him. Most government and opposition members joined forces to send the motion to the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee which, in this case, is tantamount to shelving it.

Nevertheless, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon delivered a spirited defense of the government's decision which he described as a "calculated risk" that has been justified by favorable world reaction that bears out the government's hopes and expectations. He said, at the same time, that Israel had "the right to expect that it would have full freedom of access for its cargoes (through the Suez Canal) as agreed to in the disengagement accords."

He said that Israel would also fight for the passage of Israeli flagships through the Egyptian waterway as a matter of right although this was not part of the disengagement agreements. He said he hoped Israel's gesture would not be misinterpreted by Egypt and would not tempt Egypt into "taking steps which would force Israel to revoke its action."

U.S. Jewish Congress files complaint over CBS program

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Congress has filed a complaint with the National News Council charging CBS News and its **60 Minutes** program with "excessive, inaccurate and distorted representations" of the condition of Syrian Jewry and with refusing over several months to correct the picture.

The Jewish organization asked the National News Council to investigate its complaint against CBS News and endorse its suggestion that, as an antidote to the inaccuracies in the **60 Minutes** program, Mike Wallace interview a former Syrian Jew now living in the U.S. "who could speak openly" and "provide an alternative insight" into the problems of Syrian Jews.

The program was aired Feb. 16 and the Congress wrote immediately thereafter to **60 Minutes** producer Don Hewitt asking for a meeting with him and Wallace to air its grievance with the program. In a reply dated March 3, Hewitt declined such a meeting. In April, however, after the Jewish organization had written to the Federal Communications Commission, a meeting was arranged.

At this meeting the CBS executives indicated they planned no correction of the program at any future time.

Rabbi Hertzberg's letter charged:

— That although the program made "cursory" reference to some of the restrictions on Syrian Jews it failed to mention the curfews, roll-calls, searches, arrests, interrogation, discrimination and other examples of government oppression which Jews in Syria face. The broadcast also repeated without challenge the Syrian government's claim that such measures were for the Jews' "own protection."

— That Mike Wallace's assertion on the program that "today life for Syrian Jews is better than it was in years past" was "flatly wrong, astonishing and completely insupportable."

— That the program's interview with the Jewish Nusseri family of Damascus, which had the effect of portraying a positive view of Syrian Jewish life, failed to indicate — although CBS News knew it — that two of the Nusseri sons had fled Syria and that their father and other family members had been detained for interrogation by the Syrian police for more than a month — circumstances the Congress said "relate directly to the meaning and credibility of Nusseri's statements."

On the Nusseri matter, Rabbi Hertzberg wrote:

"You should at least have used your broadcast commentary to put the Nusseri story in some perspective for your viewers by reporting some of the pressures under which the Nusseris live and by relating some of their family history... The withholding of this essential material seriously undermines the integrity of your presentation."

Settlers to Israel down

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Immigration to Israel is down 50% this year compared with last year. This figure was reported by Jewish Agency Chairman Pinhas Sapir last week at a meeting of the government-Agency "joint co-ordinating committee" chaired by Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

The total figure for January to May inclusive is around 6,000 (half of them from the USSR) compared to 12,000 (with over 7,000 of them from the Soviet Union) in the same period last year.

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Small Ontario communities support UIA blitz

TORONTO —
A special United Israel Appeal emissary from Israel has just completed a blitz campaign tour of eight small Ontario Jewish communities.

Zeev Rivlin, visiting Brantford, Chatham, Orillia, Barrie, Stratford, North Bay, Owen Sound, and Peterborough reports good progress and was highly impressed by the warm reception he received from each of the communities.

In Brantford, after the pledges had been made, Murray Rothberg, the incoming UIA Brantford chairman, presented a special award to Leon Rotberg, the outgoing chairman, for his outstanding endeavors on Israel's behalf in 1973 and 1974. Ben Ocopnick, executive-director of the Ontario Region, then presented the Keren Hayesod community award.

The following day, Rivlin, accompanied by Rotberg, did a face-to-face canvass with those members of the community who were unable to attend the meeting, and once again the response was instantaneous and heartwarming.

The Brantford community has already equalled last year's campaign, and will probably have the most successful campaign in their history.

This year's campaign in Chatham, held at the Children of Jacob Synagogue, is being run by a new chairman, Murray Berman, who has for many years been a prominent member of the Chatham Jewish community. He succeeds Sam Siskind, who is stepping down after many years of service. Ocopnick presented Siskind with an award. When the members of the community made their 1975 pledges each made a substantial increase over last year, and in some cases even doubled their previous year's contribution.

Under the able chairmanship of Lou Schreibman, the Jewish community of Orillia met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cohen to launch the 1975 Orillia UIA campaign. Guest speaker Rivlin gave an up to date picture of the situation in Israel today, and the participants responded by giving more generously than at any other time in their history.

Members of the Peterborough Jewish community met at the home of Joel Moldaver, their United Israel Appeal Campaign chairman, to launch this year's UIA campaign. The response was immediate, and those present gave in such a way as to show a 20% increase.

The Barrie community met at the home of their chairman, Alex Finkelstein.

During the fund-raising that followed, the community proved how important Israel and her needs were to all of those present.

Under the able chairmanship of Maurice Helperin, the perennial Stratford UIA campaign chairman, this small but dedicated Jewish community met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Isacovics to renew their pledge to Israel. Guest speaker, Alex Serota, gave an address on the situation in Israel today, and those present responded by giving to the best of their ability. Ocopnick presented Helperin with an award for his devoted work for Israel in 1973 and 1974.

The Jewish community of North Bay met at the home of their perennial and capable chairman, Ben Herman, to launch their 1975 UIA campaign.

Ocopnick presented Herman with an award from the Keren Hayesod in recognition of his outstanding work on Israel's behalf in the emergency of 1973 and in 1974.

This closely-knit Jewish community in Northern Ontario has again proved its devotion to Israel.

The Owen Sound community held their annual campaign evening at the Downtowner Motor Hotel. Most of the community came out to hear the guest speaker, Louis Silver, chairman of the Crisis Mobilization Committee of the CZF, tell of the emergency situation that exists in Israel today. Those in attendance renewed their pledge to Israel and amply increased their pledges over last year's commitments.

Saul Podnick, the perennial chairman for the Owen Sound community, conducted the meeting and was ably assisted by Mike Rabovsky.

Just prior to the close of the meeting, Ocopnick presented Podnick with a special award for his outstanding work for Israel during the emergency of 1973 and in 1974.

All communities, with their tremendous support for UIA, have said with the rest of world Jewry — "we are one!"

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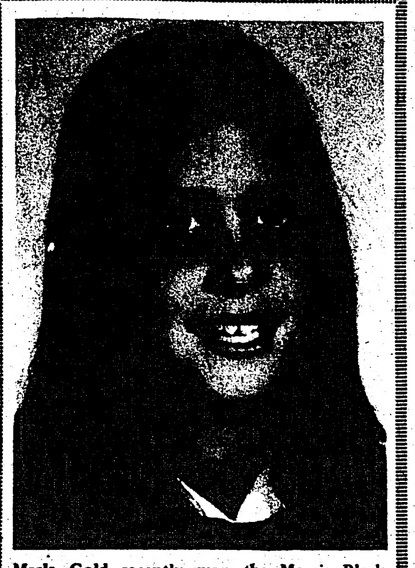

Marla Gold recently won the Morris Black Memorial Essay Contest. She is a grade five student at Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

Absence of youth 'distressing'

By MOURA WOLPERT
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON —
At the recent Holocaust Memorial Observance here, a number of high school and university students were included in the ceremony. The program emphasized youth but surveying the mostly middle-aged audience, Dr. J.J. Shekter, president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, asked:— "Who will be here a generatidn from now to light thc candles?"

Dr. Shekter is one of a growing number of people expressing concern about the education of our youth, and following the recent seminar on Jewish edueation in Kitchener, he wrote in the **Federation News**, the HJF monthly publication, that his purpose in attending was "not only to gain an overview of the problems and achievements in Jewish education in provincial communities, but to satisfy an uneasiness I had felt for years on how well we prepare our children for the terrible responsibility of continuing a tradition that has survived 4,000 years of wars, dispersion, persecutions, pogroms, assimilation and inquisitions and the Holocaust.

"I have had a sense of overwhelming anxiety of late that none of the aforementioned calamities could even begin to compare with the new problems in our midst, threatening the continuity of our people...

"...I get the uneasy feeling that we are abandoning our children to a state of limbo, not by deliberate acts of commission, but through the thoughtlessness of omission. In short, are we teaching our children why they are Jewish, how to be Jewish in a Canadian society and do they understand that the destiny of our people will lie in their hands?

"We relegate the teaching of our children to the very lowest position on the totem pole," he said later, meaning that parents have a very low regard for teachers of Hebrew and religion. Most important, he charges, is the failure of our schools to teach our children "how to be a Jew in Canada."

But the teaching of Judaism begins in the home and Dr. Shekter is concerned about a situation where parents take their own Judaism for granted but forget it has to be constantly nurtured in their children.

"Adults in Hamilton look back with nostalgia to York Street and Cannon Street, where there was a Jewish milieu and one didn't have to be Orthodox to be Jewish." But what is there for their children?"

A very busy family physician and active member of the community, Dr. Shekter makes a point of never going out or being on call Friday night. His wife Sonya sets the table in the dining room with her best dishes, candles are lit and the three young children, who all go to day school, know Friday night is a special night the family always spends together.

Start with some small aspect of Judaism, Dr. Shekter suggests. Observe some tradition, set aside a special time for the discussion of Jewish topics, talk to your children about what they learn in religious school, have Jewish books in the home and Jewish music. It doesn't matter what it is, he says, so long as an interest in Judaism is kept alive. "If you light the spark it may just kindle... but if there is no spark, well, that's it."

Jack Diamond made chancellor

VANCOUVER —
Vancouver sportsman, businessman and philanthropist Jack Diamond has been elected chancellor of Simon Fraser University.

Diamond, 66, is a former member of the SFU board of governors where he served from 1967 to 1974. He was given an honorary doctor of laws degree by the university last year.

The new chancellor's three-year term begins June 1. The chancellor sits as a member of the board but his other duties are mainly ceremonial.

Jack Diamond arrived in Canada from his native Poland at the age of 17. His first job, in 1927, was as a floor sweeper in a butcher shop in the daytime, but he went to night school to learn English. Thirteen of western Canada's largest meat packing plant.

Very successful in this enterprise, he nevertheless relinquished it in the 1960's to devote his energy to other business interests and the promotion of horse racing. He became the first man in North America to be honored with a life membership in the Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association.

Diamond is currently president of the B.C. Jockey Club which operates the Exhibition Park race track and of West Coast Reduction Ltd., a tallow rendering firm.

'Arab money alters attitude of the press'

Niagara Falls, Ont. —
Israel is losing the goodwill of the American press because of the vast sums of money the Arabs are pouring into the United States, says Jacques Torczyner, past president of the Zionist Organization of America.

This was one of the points Torczyner made last week in an address to B'nai Jacob Synagogue's annual United Israel Appeal campaign and community evening. The meeting was under the chairmanship of Earl Parker and Dan Carrel.

Speaking of Israel's relations with Europe, he told a capacity audience that France is once again prepared to sell arms to the Jewish state, and that the Russians have become more moderate in their demands towards Israel. He said the Soviets have still to recognize a PLO government in exile.

Torczyner said the UN has lost its credibility throughout most of the Western world, and Jews should not be disturbed that some UN agencies have excluded Israel from membership.

Analysing the Arab states, Torczyner said that the Arab world is less united today that it was after the Yom Kippur War. As for the Palestinians on the West Bank, they are not pro-Arafat, he explained.

He urged Jews to follow events in South America more closely because the position of Jewry there has deteriorated very rapidly, both economically and politically. He said the anti-Israel position of some South American nations is actually a manifestation of their anti-Americanism.

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Economic consequences are uncertain but canal's opening may bring peace

The 101-mile waterway that Israeli army commanders once admiringly called the most formidable anti-tank ditch in the world is no longer a military obstacle.

After eight long years and two costly wars, the historic 106-year old Suez Canal has been reopened to international traffic. Naturally, the immediate question raised is whether the resumption of activity will have any bearing on a just settlement of the simmering Arab-Israeli dispute. Judging by President Sadat's encouraging reaction to the unilateral Israeli thinout of forces in the Sinai, it appears that non-strategic Israeli cargoes will be allowed through the canal. Moreover, a second-stage disengagement accord, which seemed so distant a month ago, is now possible.

President Sadat, who is fast emerging as one of the most level-headed Arab leaders, decided to reopen the canal for political and economic reasons. Politically, he sought to isolate Israel diplomatically, as well as to nurture the policy of moderation he has followed since the Yom Kippur War.

Economically, the tolls accrued from the canal will generate for Egypt desperately needed foreign currency. In 1967, the canal's last year of operation, $250 million flowed into Egypt's coffers, and Egyptian specialists hope the figure will rise to $450 million in a few years. Egypt also hopes to receive substantial American aid and large-scale investment from nations such as Japan and Iran. The latter, with money to burn, has already promised to make huge investments in the canal zone, and Japan, which depends on the Arabs for 90% of its oil, has pledged $240 million in loans, with $140 million of this sum allotted for improvement of the canal.

Although the reopening of canal was greeted with enthusiasm by governments around the world, shipowners viewed it with jaundiced eyes while some commercial circles in Israel saw it as something of a threat to the continued existence and prosperity of the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline. Since 1967, most Persian Gulf petroleum has been carried in enormous tankers around the tip of South Africa. This method of transport has proved to be cheaper, and since charter rates are so low today, it may not pay to take the shorter way through the canal because it is not a toll-free route.

However, officials at the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline, which was originally built on the assumption that the canal would remain closed for a long period of time, are worried. They wonder, for example, whether a major customer such as Iran will still wish to ship its oil products through the pipeline.

Despite the economic uncertainties the reopening of the canal may pose in both Egypt and in Israel, the political consequences appear to be much clearer. Ships steaming down the Suez canal will surely induce Egypt to rebuild its shattered cities along the canal's banks and turn Egypt's thoughts to reconstruction and away from wars, which have done nothing but sap its strength for the last 25 years.

Children of Israelis touring Sinai are thrilled with Bedouin tribesmen in their traditional headdresses enjoying cup of tea.

Bright spot of Central American Jewry is 300-family community in Costa Rica

By SHERI BURNS

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA — Costa Rica's Jewish community of 300 families is made up of immigrants from the same two towns in Poland. Around the turn of the century there were a small number of Sephardim and Dutch "but they were soon lost by intermarriage," recounted Jacobo Meinemer, a past-president of the community.

Sheri Burns

"We are proud of our community and our country," said Dr. Manuel Wasserman.

"The Jews are spreading from commercial enterprises into the professional fields and politics," remarked Lodka Rubenstein, former editor of Spanish-Jewish monthly journal, **Baderej.** One Jewish doctor is presently minister of health.

Religious freedom was ensured in Costa Rica's constitution of 1870. But in 1937 when the Refugee Economic Corporation bought land in Guanacaste to settle European Jews, the government decreed foreign purchase of land illegal. In 1941 there was an attempt to nationalize foreign-held business, most of which were Jewish. Even the right for Jews to be in Costa Rica was questioned. The 1953 change of government brought a radical reverse in policy and at present "Jews enjoy all the freedoms of a democratic state," Wasserman explained.

Costa Rica is one of the few countries still strongly supporting Israel.

For the past 10 years there has been quite a successful youth movement led by high school students. But university-age people have no stable group of their own. "Our major problem is that we all have different ideas of what we want our group to do," one student related.

But that self-criticism may be too harsh. In December of 1974, Costa Rican university students hosted a conference for students from all over Latin America. "It was a great success," said one participant.

Until 1960 the various attempts at building a Hebrew day school failed for lack of money and organization. Now there is Instituto Chaim Weizmann with almost 400 pupils and 42 teachers from kindergarten to grade 12.

"At first we had to look for pupils in the streets," recalled school principal Yehuda Rzezak. "The parents had no confidence in this latest attempt. But now we are doing so well we need to expand into a new building."

Costa Rica's community seems to be the bright spot of Central American Jewry. Everyone told me: "Wait till you see the Jews in Costa Rica!" Indeed, it is a community doing well.

ask the rabbi

Views mixed on using corpse

1. What is the Jewish attitude to the donation of one's body to science instead of burial? Would a rabbi conduct a memorial service?

There has been considerable discussion among Orthodox rabbis in recent years on the whole question of autopsies and the use of a corpse for experiments that can lead to the advancement of medical knowledge.

The tendency is to forbid it unless the benefits to life are immediate, that is, where a man who has died had a disease, the determination of the nature of which will serve to cure another present sufferer from that disease.

The use of the eyes of a corpse for corneal grafting is less frowned upon and it has been argued even by Orthodox rabbis that to donate one's eyes after death for this purpose is a mitzvah.

It has frequently been stated, and rightly so, that Judaism is on the side of life and that the prohibitions on working on the Sabbath and eating trefa food can be set aside in order to save life.

Logically, there is no reason why the extension of the boundaries of medical knowledge, leading as it might well do to the saving of life, should not be seen as live-saving so that whatever prohibitions may be involved in using a corpse for this purpose should be set aside.

But it is only right to point out that this is not the line so far taken by Orthodox rabbis. I cannot say what are the attitudes of Reform and Liberal rabbis on this question but would imagine that they would not think it wrong for a man to donate his body to science and that they would officiate at a memorial service for such a man.

It may well be that some Orthodox rabbis, too, although holding that it is wrong for a man to donate his body for medical research, would not refuse to officiate at a memorial service for one who, however mistakenly from their point of view, requested in his will that what he considered to be an act of supreme benevolence be carried out with his body.

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Demand for an end to immigration contrary to professed peaceful intent

According to the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mr. Fahmi, Jewish immigration into Israel will have to stop if Egypt is to agree to any settlement with Israel. Speaking on May 10 to journalists accompanying the Dutch foreign minister on a visit to Egypt, Mr. Fahmi said: "There can be no escape from an end to the immigration into Israel, because this immigration means further Israeli expansion."

When Mr. Fahmi first spoke in these terms last December, some observers dismissed it as a piece of whimsy or perhaps just a debating point. When Mr. Fahmi repeated his demand in an interview in the Lebanese weekly, **Al-Hawadeth,** Jan. 9 of this year, it could no longer be dismissed out of hand. The fact that he has now seen fit to repeat it a third time suggests that Mr. Fahmi is quite serious and may well be speaking on instructions.

It was specious for Mr. Fahmi to try to justify his demand by reference to what he calls "Israeli expansionism" and the threat that the state of Israel allegedly poses to the Arab world, as the facts make clear: There are 20 Arab states, and only one Jewish state. Arab populations total over 140,000,000, Israel's population (including 500,000 Arabs) is just over 3,000,000. According to the International Institute of Strategic Studies, Arab armies can field 3.5 million men and reserves, Israel 400,000 men. The aggregate GNP of the Arab states in 1974 was estimated at over 100 billion dollars; in 1973 Israel's GNP stood at 8.7 billion dollars. The Arab oil producers netted 110 billion dollars in revenues in 1974. Israel, by comparison, does not have any oil to speak of.

But not only is the claim specious — if anything, it is misplaced: It is Egypt's population which is expanding at the unbridled rate of well over a million a year, and it is Egypt's economic problems which are becoming progressively worse and which were one of the reasons why Egypt went to war in 1973.

However, what is most disturbing about Mr. Fahmi's remarks is that once again they raise serious questions concerning Egypt's motives and intentions. Certainly, Egypt's preposterous demand for an end to Jewish immigration into Israel as a condition for an eventual "settlement" with Israel does not sit easily with professedly peaceful intentions.

Historically, of course, Mr. Fahmi's demand is not without precedent, as we read in Exodus 1, 22: "Then Pharaoh commanded all his people: 'Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.' (Exodus 1, 22)

Signing of trade treaties by Israel big financial, political breakthrough

Grave economic problems have beset Israel since the Yom Kippur War and until last month no relief seemed to be in sight. Now, in the wake of the promulgation of two trade treaties with the European Common Market and the United States, Israelis can momentarily stop beating their breasts about scandals, boycotts, raging inflation, soaring taxes and devaluation, and consider the long-term implications of these highly important economic — and, in effect, political — breakthroughs.

So crucial was the EEC accord that Foreign Minister Yigal Allon personally flew to Brussels to witness the ceremony. The comprehensive trade agreement, which goes into effect July 1, makes Israel a full member of the EEC's new Mediterranean free-trade area and will give Israeli manufacturers free access to the community's European markets by mid-1977. The tariff on Israeli citrus exports will be reduced by 60% to 70%, and Israeli customs on imports from the EEC countries will be phased out over 14 years, with specific provisions for the protection of Israel's industries.

Indeed, the removal of the tariffs will open a potential market of some 260 million people to Israeli manufacturers. It is hoped this fact will attract foreign investment and stimulate the development of industrial projects in Israel. Israeli officials also hope the pact will help correct the current severe imbalance in its trade with the Common Market — its largest and most significant partner.

Beyond its economic significance, the agreement is heartening because it demonstrates Europe's willingness to expand commercial dealings with Israel in the face of intense Arab pressure. In fact, on the day the pact was to be signed, the Arabs exerted last-minute pressure to shelve the accord until similar agreements could be negotiated with Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. The Europeans, to their credit, refused to relent.

Israel's trade pact with Washington was signed by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz just two days after Mr. Allon's triumphal appearance in Brussels. Mr. Rabinowitz welcomed the agreement — which calls for promoting American investment in Israel — as a major step in Israel's effort to improve its economic position. Linking it to the EEC agreement, he expressed the hope that henceforth American firms wishing to sell to the Common Market would have greater incentive to build plants in Israel. And, in a revealing aside, he did not neglect to mention that despite the Ford Administration's much-publicized reassessment of its Middle East policy, the agreement proved there was no freeze in overall relations.

Ultimately, both the EEC and U.S. agreements will be beneficial to the development of the fragile Israeli economy. However, in the short term, Israeli manufacturers and citizens alike will have to tighten their belts. Although the elimination of the EEC tariffs will make Israeli products cheaper and more competitive in Europe, the pendulum will gradually swing back as the duties on European imports to Israel are phased out. Israeli industrialists will, therefore, find they must hustle for their share of the home market.

New UJWF head feels he has come home

The Toronto Jewish community is one of the greatest in the world and Irwin Gold, new executive-director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, says he is delighted to be part of it, once again.

Gold, who took over the Welfare Fund position from Benjamin Schneider June 2, is a native of Toronto who left the city to study and work in the U.S. some 30 years ago. When he went south, the Jewish population of Toronto was about half the size it is today.

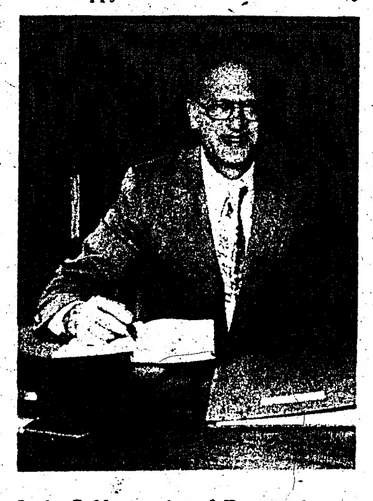
He received his Master of Social Work degree at the University of Pittsburgh and then enlisted in the United States army, serving three years in the infantry in the European theatre.

After the war he served as executive-director of the Denver and San Francisco community centres until 1970. Then he was general executive-director of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and, prior to coming to Toronto, was director of planning and research at the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

On his arrival in Toronto last week he was introduced at a staff meeting by Schneider, who will continue on as executive vice-president. Gold told the staffers he would like to meet them on an individual basis and invited them to drop into his office and get acquainted.

Then followed a round of meetings to cope with a variety of community problems, conferring with members of the staff and lay leaders in between meetings.

In an interview with **The CJN** prior to his arrival in Toronto, Gold said that while he had been away for a long time, he has maintained a lifelong association with the city. "I feel I'm coming home," he said. "I had a happy childhood and still have many friends and mishpocha in Toronto. It will be a delight to get re-acquainted."



Irwin Gold, a native of Toronto, has returned home to take up the position of executive director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund. He has held community service positions in Denver, San Francisco, Cleveland and New York. He succeeds Benjamin Schneider, executive vice-president.

Gold said he is "intrigued and excited" at the continuing change in Toronto. "The community is just beginning to realize its potential organizationally and culturally... and I'm pleased I will be part of it.

He discussed community trends in the U.S. and said Toronto is far ahead in many of its services, citing among others the programs for the elderly, the Jewish educational system, the immigrant aid program of JIAS, the place of the YM-YWHA in the community.

He said increased government spending on social services in the U.S. is creating a problem for the agencies who want to take advantage of government funding. The problem: the quality of service previously rendered by Jewish agencies frequently tends to be diminished. Further, the clients served no longer are the total community but mainly those who are economically or physically deprived. Further, there is the problem of delineating what is Jewish in programming and whether or not a program is truly an expression of Jewish survival.

Gold said the United States government is turning to established agencies to provide service on a contractual basis. He sees this as a possible threat to sectarian programs and says constant vigil is required to make certain the Jewish content of the agencies is not dissipated.

Gold stressed the need for continuing support by the Jewish community of the United Way. "The more you strengthen the total community, the better the Jewish community," he said.

Discussing racism, Gold said the Jewish community has a responsibility in fighting it. "Working for the rights of all minorities helps strengthen democracy," he said. "It's enlightened self-interest." He noted that in the U.S. the blacks are turning back to Jewish associations and sees this as a promising trend for the future.

Turning to the Toronto scene, Gold praised the operation and achievements of the Canadian Jewish Congress. In the U.S. at least five major organizations and many smaller ones do the job that Congress does, duplicating each other in fund-raising and administration. He feels the proposed merger of Congress and the UJWF will greatly strengthen both organizations.

Letters to the Editor

Response to article has unfortunately died

Dear Editor:

May I thank you for the excellent article written by Sheldon Kirshner about foster home finding in the Toronto Jewish Community.

I was encouraged by initial spontaneous response from several apparently interested families. However, their spontaneity seems to have died a sudden death, as not one has returned the formal application which was mailed to them immediately.

What I cannot understand is the recent emotional outburst concerning children in Vietnam along with what seems to be a total lack of concern about what is taking place in our own community. Granted, Vietnam is an awesome tragedy but for the Jewish community to stand blithely aside as children here have their lives shattered in their own private tragedy is incomprehensible to me.

Barbara Happy,
Foster Home Finder,
Jewish Family and Child Service,
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

Several months ago, I read an article by Rick Kardonne in which he bewailed the lack of cultural events dealing with Jewish subject matter in the Toronto area. He called for greater participation and creativity, etc... I then wrote to him, giving complete details regarding two upcoming premiers of mine in Toronto.

These works deal specifically with Jewish subject matter: Shevatim, A Tableau for String Orchestra describing the 12 Tribes of Israel and Shir Hashirim, A Cantata for Soloists, Chorus and Seven Instruments. Also a performance of my Variations for Solo Violin. Both were highly successful concerts! Both organizations involved have commissioned me again for next season.

I am distressed that your publication chose to ignore these events (with the exception of an advance notice by Cantor Sheldon Merel) and also that my fellow Jews were denied the opportunity of sharing with me the first public offering of these newly created compositions.

Milton Barnes,
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

On April 24th last, I was privileged to hear the Toronto Hadassah Choir, in concert, at the Minkler Auditorium. They had as guest artists Erica Goodman, harpist, and Arkady Shindelman, violinist, accompanied by Leo Barkin.

I must congratulate Toronto Hadassah for sponsoring this exciting group of choral singers. Their conductor Varda Hall Berenstein, and accompanist Sara Barkin Sandler, gave an added dimension of enjoyment.

Such an outstanding event is a great tribute to Hadassah, and I sincerely hope I will be able to hear this group again soon.

Mrs. L. Disenhouse,
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

It is human nature to criticize much faster than to give credit where credit is due. In the last issue of **The Canadian Jewish News,** we read at least three critical letters of the various columnists of your paper. My comments intend to compliment your paper and one of its regular contributors. I refer to the "Voice of Youth" column.

I've never had an opportunity to meet the writer of that column, but I and my children enjoy immensely reading his column week after week. It is written in an easy and refreshing style, it reports positively and accurately with an occasional humor and timely quotations.

Our thanks and appreciation to **The Canadian Jewish News** for a high calibre of reporting.

Mrs. S. Blatt,
Downsview.

Dear Editor:

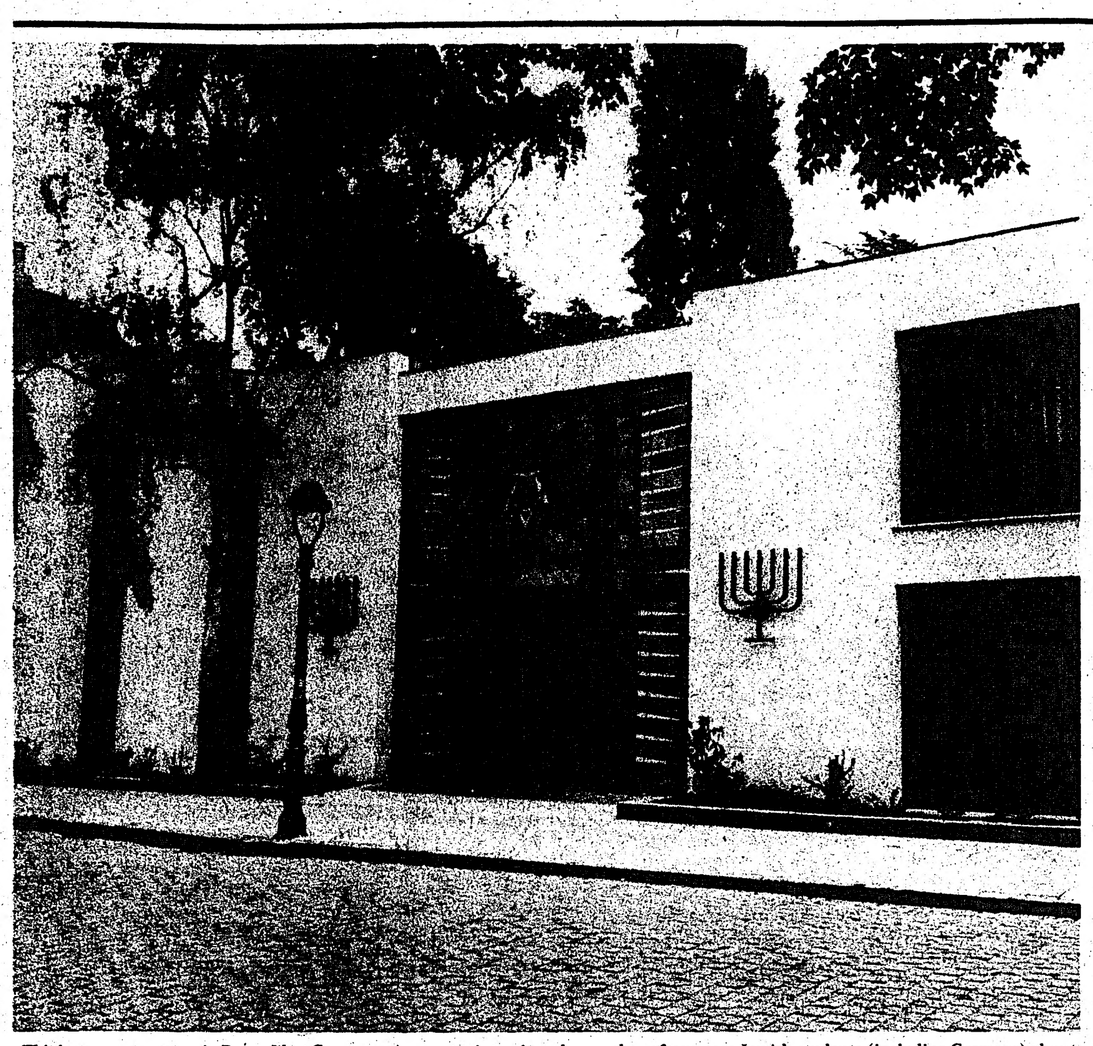
Amid the many commentaries on the lessons to be derived from the October, 1973, war, one which deserves wide attention is that by the chairman of the Military Committee of NATO, Sir Peter Hill-Norton, Admiral of the Fleet (U.K.). In **NATO Review** (April 1975), he writes, "Within the international military staff at NATO headquarters we have also studied very fully the lessons arising from the Middle East War of 1973."

He lists the main military lessons as: the importance of military preparations, which, far from being a provocation, are a formidable deterrent and an essential insurance; the continuing essential role of tanks and aircraft despite modern anti-armor and air defence systems; the importance of closely co-ordinated command and control arrangements, together with combat-ready forces, on the spot in adequate strength, and backed up by highly trained reserves at short notice; and the surprisingly high attrition of material and ammunition consumption.

But he concludes: "Lastly, the need for an ingrained sense of purpose, and the high morale that goes with it, in all the fighting forces of this alliance is of the utmost importance. This was a major factor in the ultimate success of the Israelis, and although their circumstances are very different from ours, it remains a most important and vital lesson for countries such as ours, where material well-being and the standard of living feature so prominently, and service to one's own country...is sometimes regarded more as an eccentricity than a virture."

This constitutes, in effect, high praise and commendation of Israel and its war effort and defence capabilities, from an independent source far more qualified than most of the critics. They are words to ponder.

S. Joshua Langer,
Downsview.



This is a new synagogue in Bonn, West Germany. A reporter interviewed a number of overseas Jewish students (including Germans) about their attitude towards Germany. From 30 countries came the students to Wembach to discuss the Arab–Israeli conflict in detail.

German Jewish community struggles for guilt-free identity

By SOLLI MARCUS

WEMBACH (JCNS) —

Wembach is a small German hamlet of 300 souls not far from the Swiss border. It is very like a toy town with its pretty wooden houses snuggling peacefully in the Black Forest and looked over by snow-capped mountains. It boasts no history and the Second World War almost passed it by, remembered only by the stark memorial to the 10 dead who fell in battle.

It is said that Petain and the Vichy French Government were hidden by Nazis in the nearby forest and that post-war Nazi werewolves roamed the area. Its Jewish significance is contemporary for here is sited a seminar centre of the German-Jewish community and gathered there recently were 68 Jewish students from 30 European universities (seven from Germany itself) to discuss the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"Why the German venue?," I asked Bernard, a student from Geneva who picked me up at the airport. "Because the German Jewish community is footing most of the bill." "Do you mind being in Germany?" Bernard had no special "anti" feelings although he was well versed on the Holocaust.

Benny Bloch of Frankfurt, national youth director for the German Council of Jewish Communities, said there are approximately 30,000 Jews in Germany, divided into 73 communities with the main concentrations in Frankfurt, Berlin, Munich, Dusseldorf and Hamburg. There is a unified political framework, non-party, on which all communities are represented.

The new German Jewish communities have very mixed origins. The first to settle were a handful of concentration camp survivors and then a larger number of returnees from Israel and other parts of the world and currently a growing community of Soviet Jews in Berlin.

(There are 1,000 Jewish students, 600 Israeli and 6,000 Arab students in West Germany.)

Now, of course, there is a new generation born in Western Germany and for them there is the dilemma of a suspended identity. Many of their parents, I gather, rationalize living in Germany, describing it as transitory and they live socially and culturally in a self-made ghetto while taking advantage of favored economic conditions to make a lot of money.

Danny, aged 22, was born in Israel and returned with his parents when still a small child. They originated from Frankfurt and Danny is very much a new, or should I say, old, model of a pre-Hitler German Jew. "I feel at home here, I am a German Jew." "What about the concentration camps?" "Only a small minority of Germans knew about them and found out too late."

Danny was concerned with growing anti-Semitism in Frankfurt brought out, he maintained, by the activities of some Jews who are prominent in the prostitution racket and speculation. I asked him whether he saw his future in Germany. "Why not? Although I hope to have enough talent to travel and live in many countries." He is a student of economics at Frankfurt University.

Freda, another student at the same university, said she had many German friends. Their guilt about the Jews is wearing thin and they are beginning to question why they should pay for their parents' misdeeds. Another girl said: "My German friends accept me and they resent the continual harping on the past, one protesting her father had to sign a document stating that he was 'denazified' before being allowed to enter Israel."

"The New Left and Arabs with their anti-Israel campaign help to revive anti-Jewish feelings" was a comment common to all. Of course this was no different to the reports from Strasbourg or Lund, Paris or Rome.

In varying degrees, the Jewish student in Europe is very much on the defensive and in some cases faces physical dangers. The only exceptions were the Swiss where there is apathy and, surprisingly, Belgrade, where no political activity is allowed and the Arab students are ignored, as Eva from Belgrade explained: "Government policy is to court the Third World so the universities are full of students from Asia and Africa and the Yugoslavs are resentful."

Eva referred to a strong pro-Jewish feeling in Yugoslavia where many of her non-Jewish friends were keenly interested in information about Jewish traditional life. In contrast there is Lund (Sweden) with 600 Jewish students from Poland somewhat spiritually in limbo between Pole, Jew and Swede.

We were all conscious that the German-Jewish students were sensitive to the fact that they live in Germany and feel guilty about it, but they partly shut it out and partly it is manifest through their defensive postures which come from the head and not the heart.

Avram, an emissary from Israel, at present in Copenhagen but born in Germany, could not wait to get out, but the German Jewish community is reborn, shaky, unsure and struggling with its identity. I feel it is too soon to forgive or forget but how long can you mourn and how unfair to that new generation of both Jew and non-Jew in Germany?

'Those mixing compassion, business will be rewarded'

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Korach

Kee kol ho'aydoh kulam kedoshim...for all the congregation are holy, every one of them...

It's only human to lose your cool sometimes, especially in the summer heat. The trick is that even when you lose your temper, you don't forget who you are...

Once the saintly Tzemach Tzedeck of Lubavitch became very angry about something. He immediately took out the Shulchan Aruch and started looking up the Codes. "What are you looking for?" his disciples asked. "You know," he answered, "whenever a person loses his temper wrongly, it's as though he served idols — I want to make sure I'm angry for a kosher reason..." By the time he found the law, he had calmed down...

The best thing is when a Jew doesn't get angry, but uses a bad situation to improve himself. Consider...when Korach started his rebellion and accused Moses of taking all the good jobs for himself, Moses fell on his face for a few minutes. What was he doing on the floor? But Moses said to himself, "what's the **saychel** if I lose my temper? Even if this Korach is a **nudnik**, maybe it's a way that G—d has of reminding me not to be so high and mighty..." So instead of getting angry, Moses decided to stop and look into himself for a few minutes — and only then did he answer... (Baal Hatania)

Sometimes people get angry at the Ribono shel Olam — especially when they go through **tzorus**... "Why me?" But perhaps the Almighty is trying to shake us up... Instead of getting mad, a Jew should consider — "maybe G—d is trying to make me realize why I was sent to this world — not just to eat, drink and sleep, but to keep His commandments..." The brightest light is sometimes hidden in the greatest darkness...

We have to be super-honest when it comes to ourselves but when it comes to assessing others, we have to stand on our head if necessary to give them the benefit of the doubt. That's why we find an interesting thing...when Korach and his followers started causing trouble, Moses announced, "**Boker, v'yodah Hashem als asher lo**... In the morning, G—d will show whom he's going to choose..." But it's strange — why couldn't the Almighty choose right away? But Moses said to himself — "what's the rush? These people are not really bad, in fact, their great **talmiday chachomim**, Torah scholars. Even if they commit a terrible sin now, I'm certain that by tomorrow morning they'll do teshuvah and change their minds. Let's wait..." (Shaar Bas Rabim) Even when we see a fellow Jew do an obvious avairoh, we should leave it to the Ribono shel Olam to find fault...but as for us, we should only to see what's good.,.

The greatest danger to a Jew serving G—d properly is when he is so blessed with prosperity that he thinks he doesn't have to answer to anyone. When Korach was finally punished, not only was he swallowed up, but all his property as well... But why — what sin did his furniture and draperies commit that they had to suffer as well... But because Korach was such a fat cat and constantly surrounded by all the good things in life, he thought he could do whatever he wanted... (Ituray Torah)

Over the past few months, this writer has become aware of a number of young, observant families who are in deep trouble. Following the mitzvah of our Torah, they are raising — **boruch Hashem** — beautiful families of three, four, five children. But there's no place to live. Landlords — even among our own brother and sister Jews — slam the door when they hear there are children involved. Sure, it makes good business sense — but where is the **yoisher**? Does responsibility for each other stop at the wallet?

Many of us Jews found haven in the open doors of Canada — we must never shut other doors for those who need them. Those who mix compassion with business, will find they brighten "real estate" in the world to come. Shabbat Shalom.

Long-term strength depends on it

We must tend to ethics in Israel

By J. B. Salsberg

[First of two Columns]

Whatever else Israel may lack it definitely does not experience a dearth in crises and challenges of monumental dimensions.

It is an old truism that "it is hard to be a Jew" but it seems to be much harder to be a Jewish state — especially in its first, formative years.

What other, ancient or modern, people won its political independence statehood, only to find itself attacked militarily by all its neighbors at the very moment of birth, before the umbilical cord was cut? That was the trying experience of Israel, a state whose charter was undersigned by the majority of the world's community.

What newborn state had to undergo the trauma of five wars in the first quarter century of its existence and to consolidate itself during that period while being taunted on all sides that it will be destroyed and its citizens drowned in the sea? That was Israel's experience.

What other young state, born or reborn, was faced with the super-colossal task of receiving, absorbing and integrating the majority of its citizens, its nearest of kin from many lands and many cultures, those who were survivors of the worst Holocaust and those who were penniless refugees from their ancient settlements by those among whom they lived for centuries and millenia? But that was Israel's experience during the first quarter century of its existence. All this while it fought five bitter wars for its survival.

These and other stupendous problems confronted the state of Israel in the past and still face her today.

What Jew, living in the relative comfort and safety of other lands, has the moral right to sit in judgment of what he considers to be incorrect policies in Israel? What decent, fair-minded Jew, living thousands of miles away from the explosive Israel-Arab borders and whose children do not bear Israel's defensive arms, has the moral right to scream against "land concessions" and against surrendering "a single foot of the ground that the Lord gave to the children of Israel" for eternal safekeeping?

But there is a category of Israeli problems that keenly disturbs the peace of mind of many Jews around the world, as it surely does all responsible leaders of Israeli society. These are problems and issues that relate to the social, moral and ethical content of the Jewish state.

Indeed, there is substantial truth in the contention that the whole future of Israel will be determined by the way these matters will be resolved. No less a person than the late Dr. Nachman Syrkin maintained, long before the Jewish state was reborn, that a Jewish country not based on social equity, on prophetic justice, will not survive. I hesitate to question that ominous prediction.

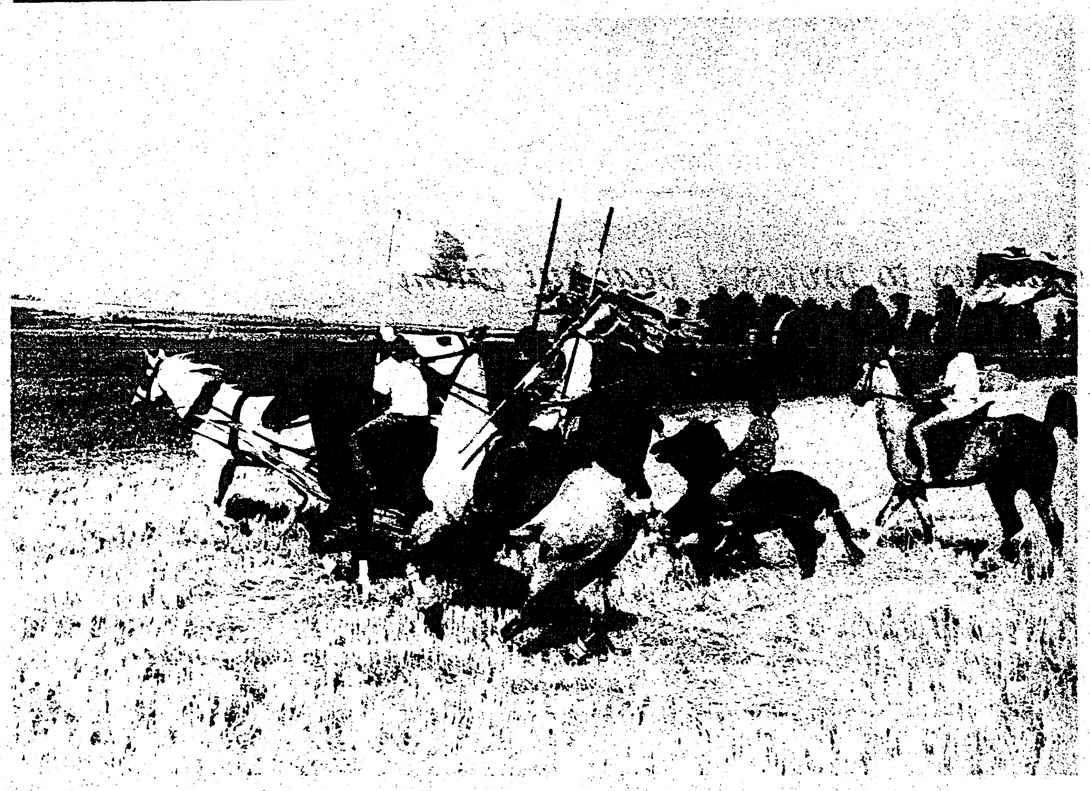
I believe that Israeli leaders who argue that a basic curing of Israel's social ills must, unfortunately, wait until peace will have been achieved are wrong. The strength of Israel and its long-run defensive capacity is inseparable from its internal conditions. The erosion of Israel's social, moral and ethical basis is inimical to a healthy Israeli society as it is hindering Israel's growth.

The recent exposures of large scale corruption in high places has had a depressing affect on vast numbers of our people here. They must surely also have fed the fires of cynicism and disillusionment inside Israel.

Those of us who are called upon to address audiences on Israeli topics know well that the question periods, following the addresses, are, more and more, obliged to deal with the disturbing aspects of Israeli society.

People who recently attended fund-raising meetings that were addressed by prominent Israeli leaders inform me that in almost every instance the Michael Tzur case and other such shoddy scandals and exposures were raised by the assembled men and women.

Can this dangerous trend be stopped? And if so by whom? I shall attempt to deal with this subject in the next column.



Shavuoth was celebrated in a spectacular manner at Kibbutz Beit Alfa in northern Israel with horse race through harvested field. Children of Israelis touring Sinai are thrilled with Bedouin tribesman in their traditional headdresses enjoying cup of tea.

Sigmund Freud endured persecution for his Jewishness and scientific ideas

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

On June 11, 1938, the medical journal, **Lancet**, wrote: "His teachings have in their time aroused controversy more acute and antagonism more bitter than any since the days of Darwin. Now, in his old age, there are few psychologists of any school who do not admit their debt to him." The man about whom they were writing was Sigmund Freud.

By the time these words were written, the ailing 82-year-old Freud and his family had escaped from Nazi-held Vienna to England with the help of such influential people as William Bullitt, the American ambassador to France (with whom Freud had collaborated on a psychoanalytic book on Woodrow Wilson) and Princess George of Greece (who as Princess Marie Bonaparte first became interested in Freud's work).

The man who was to endure a lifetime of scorn, by many, concerning his scientific ideas, was compelled also to put up with being a life-long recipient of anti-Semitism.

After his family moved from his native town of Freiberg to Vienna, he learned what discrimination meant, particularly while he was a medical student. Then followed the virulent hatreds in the post World War I period, which included the burning of his books by the Nazis in Germany in 1933 and the subsequent ban on all his work in his native Austria. Since he died on Sept. 23, 1939, he was spared the tragic news of the death of many of his relatives at the hands of the Nazis, including his four elderly sisters.

But despite all, as his writings show, the non-religious Freud never lost sight of the fact that he was a Jew. While producing such works as the **Interpretation of Dreams, Totem and Tabu** and **Moses and Monotheism** which, for one reason or other, shocked the sensibilities of the Orthodoxy, Freud nevertheless became a member of B'nai B'rith and an honorary member of Kadimah.

For about half a century the affluent, the famous, the scholars and the scientists came in a steady stream to Freud's home at 19 Bergasse in Vienna. Psyches were explored and scientific theses were put forward by the trim, immaculate and goatead Freud, who, despite the fact that much of his work has been supplanted by newer revelations, is still regarded as the father of modern psychology.

On his 70th birthday, Freud offered an explanation of his scientific productivity in the face of opposition: "Because I was a Jew I found myself free from many prejudices which limited others in the use of their intellect, and, being a Jew, I was prepared to enter opposition and to renounce agreement with the 'compact majority'."

Sigmund Freud, father of psychoanalysis, is considered one of the greatest men of this century. He said his Jewishness was one of the reasons for his scientific productivity in the face of great opposition.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

Sam Bojman carries Sefer Torah presented to Shaarei Shomayim Congregation earlier this month. The Torah was a gift from his family and the family of Henry Zagdanski (second from left) in memory of their parents and relatives who perished in the Holocaust. Others participating in the ceremony are Percy Zaifman, a relative (far left), and Sam Freedman (far right), a family friend.

WIESEL ON FILM

Elie Wiesel's only play, **Zalmen, Or The Madness Of God,** is now on film, starring Montreal-born Joseph Wiseman. The first showing in Toronto is being sponsored by Friends of Pioneering Israel on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 17 and 18, at 8 p.m. at the Crest Theatre on Mt. Pleasant Ave. For tickets and/or information call 635-9977.

UNITED WAY INTER-FAITH

The Inter-Faith Women's Committee for United Way, representing 12 different religious groups, sponsors a city-wide program each year to promote a better understanding of UW services in the community. This year's event, held recently in Calvin Presbyterian Church, was an open forum on the topic **Crossroads — The Challenge of '75,** focussing on the importance of the volunteer, the services themselves, and fund-raising. Shoshana Cole, a past chairman of UJA's women's division, has just been installed as committee chairman for a two-year term.

ENCYCLOPAEDIA JUDAICA

The Encyclopaedia Judaica, published by Keter Publishing House in Jerusalem, now has a Toronto base. The new local representative is Gail Sandler, who tells us that Israel Bonds may now be used as partial payment in the purchase of the Judaica. The Toronto number is 226-0391. The Canadian head office continues to be in Montreal, manned by Danny Levy.

VOLUNTEERS HONORED

Over 300 volunteers who have been working with Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly (such as driving for Meals on Wheels, visiting the aged and helping out on holiday projects) will be honored at a luncheon this Tuesday, June 17, at 1 p.m. at Temple Sinai. Pearl Langer, president of the organization, will be keynote speaker. Morley Pape will provide the entertainment — a review of **Sadie Shapiro's Knitting Book.**

TORONTO WOMEN'S ORT

Toronto Women's ORT closing dinner meeting (for the season) is scheduled for Wednesday, the 18th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel. On the agenda will be a year-end report from president Chahine Levine, a salute to chapter presidents, and the premiere showing of the film, **A Will To Do.**

RECONSTRUCTIONISTS MEET

The Reconstructionist Synagogue of Toronto has set aside June 13 and 14 for a weekend of study with Rabbi Kenneth Cohen of Philadelphia. The theme is to be **Dissent in Judaism.** Sessions will be held Friday evening and Saturday morning and evening. For information call Michael Krashinsky at 282-1971.

PROTESTING THE PLO

Members of Toronto Labor Zionist Alliance have mobilized a letter campaign to protest the attendance of the PLO at the crime conference scheduled to take place in Toronto in September. According to LZA executive director Henry Cohen-Sittayoun more than 300 letters are on the way to the prime minister, the secretary for external affairs, the solicitor general, the minister of immigration, the opposition leader, and many other MPs.

SINGLES DANCE

Further LZA news — On Sunday, June 15, the Professional Club will be dancing to the strains of Jock Rudi's one-man band. The time is 8:30 p.m. at the LZA centre.

MAGAZINES NEEDED

Instead of throwing out old magazines, save them for the Mount Sinai Hospital Women's Auxiliary. They run a free library service for hospital patients. Reading material, in all languages, is always needed. If you have any magazines to spare, just mark them for the AMI library, and drop them off at the hospital receiving department at the Murray Street entrance.

...about people

Cantor Harold Klein

The Toronto Council of Hazzanim have chosen **Cantor Harold Klein** of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, president for the coming year. Other cantors serving on the executive are **Abraham Wantroff,** Labor Zionist Alliance Farband Congregation, vice-president; **Paul Sheldon,** Temple Emanuel, Haverhill, Mass., secretary, and **Yitzchak Hammerman,** Toronto, treasurer.

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Alderman Ben Nobleman is chairman of the 1975 Borough of York Festival Committee which is launching a two-day "do" June 20 and 21 at Coronation Park. Mr. Nobleman, who is very big on Canadian talent, advocated the Search for Talent contest which has become part of the festival proceedings.

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Two leaders on the Toronto Jewish education scene have been elected to executive posts of the National Conference of Yeshiva Principals. **Rabbi Akiva Stefansky** of Beth Jacob High School has been named to the executive committee, and **Rabbi Shmayer Weinberg** of Eitz Chaim, as a regional delegate to the executive board. The organization represents heads of 474 Hebrew day schools in Canada and the U.S.

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A sorry omission — **Cantor Murray Nixon's** name was not included in **The Canadian Jewish News** report on the Jewish music festival staged by Beth El Synagogue in Vancouver recently. Not only did the cantor perform in the concert, he directed and produced the entire program. Torontonians will remember Cantor Nixon who served at Adath Israel Congregation before moving to the coast.

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While in Toronto last week, **Rabbi Abraham Feinberg** had a chance to spend some time with Holy Blossom Temple's Alumni group. What did he talk about? Well, he told the 300 senior citizens at the meeting that "the theme for the elderly is 'do your own thing,' don't wait for somebody else to do it for you." Obviously the 75-year-old rabbi follows his own advice as he is much involved in numerous activities in San Francisco where he now lives.

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When Israeli singer **Aliza Azikri** was booked in to the Grecian Room a couple of weeks ago, proprietor **Bill Orfanakos** wound up her two-week appearance by donating the closing night's receipts to the Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv. It amounted to about $1,000.

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Among the first graduating class of Touro College, New York City's newest private four-year college, were **Martin Lockshin,** son of **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lockshin** of Toronto, and **Leibel Wolfe,** son of **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wolfe** of Montreal. Both students received BA degrees.

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A surprise 50th anniversary was in store for **Sam and Fanny Levenstein** when they returned from Israel recently. The couple had made the trip for the dedication of the **Harry and Jack Barkin** medical centre there. A pediatric room in the centre had been dedicated in the Levenstein's honor by their children, **Sol and Esther Shiner** (their daughter who is also the North York alderman), **Professor Harvey and Mona Levenstein,** and **Larry and Mona Levenstein.** So, the party last Saturday evening at the Shiners' home was an extra celebration. More than 100 guests were there, with some of the family coming in from California and New York.

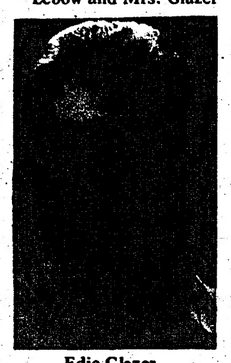
Barry Lebow, Edie Glazer head Bond division

TORONTO —

Barry Lebow and Mrs. Michael (Edie) Glazer, active young community leaders, have been named co-chairmen of the newly-inaugurated Young Business and Professional Division of Toronto State of Israel Bonds, announces Herb Green, general campaign chairman.

"Their deep interest and commitment to Jewish survival and the state of Israel makes both these energetic young leaders ideal choices to head an entirely new constituency in the Toronto Israel Bond campaign structure — the young business and professional men and women of our community," Green declared.

Barry Lebow



Edie Glazer

Lebow and Mrs. Glazer and their committee are already in business, developing a program of information and participation geared to the interests of their specific group. Ira Gerstein was host at his home for a recent Bond reception which resulted in many first-time purchases of Israel Bonds by friends and business associates not previously involved in lending support for Israel.

On June 22, Mr. and Mrs. David Kosoy will host a gathering of their contemporaries at a cocktail reception at their home to meet and hear Robert Mayer Evans, noted TV and radio political commentator, former CBS Moscow bureau chief, and expert on the Middle East.

"Also well into the final planning stage now is our VIP Study Tour to Israel under the auspices of the Young Business and Professional Division, which will take place Oct. 20-30, with special features and visits to places not normally available to tourists," the chairmen announced.

Lebow is well-known in the real estate and mortgage brokerage fields, and takes an active part in numerous communal endeavors including the United Appeal, UJA, the Zionist Organization and Canyon Lodge B'nai B'rith. He did volunteer service in Israel during the 1967 war.

The daughter of a family prominent in Jewish community life, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kleinstein, Edie Glazer is involved in the construction and development fields and takes a leadership role in the activities of ORT and a number of Israel-oriented organizations in the community.

Crowd indifferent, protest deemed success

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Two dozen members of the Group of 35 wound up a two-day national conference here by staging a silent protest demonstration in front of Union Station last week.

Carrying placards and suitcases, the demonstrators, who were from Montreal and Toronto, marched on behalf of 1,500 Refuseniks — Russian Jews who have applied for exit visas and have been refused permission to leave the Soviet Union.

The suitcases, containing the clothes and belongings of the Montreal women, were meant to symbolize the desire of the Refuseniks to emigrate from their country of birth.

The protestors, who adhere to the idea that every person has the right to live in his country of choice, began their march inside the station at 2:30 and ended it about one hour later outside in the drizzle.

Teresa Swern, recently elected chairman of the Toronto Group of 35, was pleased with the demonstration in spite of the leaden skies and inclement weather. "A lot of people noticed us, and we certainly educated people through pamphlet distribution," she observed.

Andy Cohen, head of the 10-women Montreal contigent, commented: "Any demonstration where we're seen is always encouraging."

Crowd reaction to the demonstration ranged from sheer indifference to mild resentment.

"Sombody with lots of money's behind that, right?" a burly man said as he watched the Group of 35.

"Yeah", said the CN porter standing beside him.

"You bet your dollar," reiterated the man.

An elderly woman, emerging from a taxi, glanced at them. "What's happening?" she said in a puzzled tone of voice.

The cab driver did not know. "Why don't they go back to Russia?" she said, after looking at a leaflet handed to her by a black-robed Group of 35 member.

For the most part, however, passersby hardly noticed the women in black robes and in non-descript raincoats, some of whom left the city on the 4:30 Montreal-bound train.

Although there are said to be an estimated 1,500 Refuseniks, the Group of 35 estimates that approximately 135,000 Soviet Jews have applied for exit visas and are still waiting for them.

The internationally-affiliated organization claims Jews who ask for visas are dismissed from their jobs, threatened with trials, and called up for military service. Others are told they cannot emigrate because they are bearers of classified state information.

Among the Refuseniks the Group of 35 protesting on behalf of were Deborah Samuilovitch, a 62-year old professor who wants to join her only son in Israel; Alexander Lunts, a 51-year-old mathematician who first applied to emigrate more than two years ago; Benjamin Fain, 45, a scientist who has been threatened with seven years imprisonment, and Natasha Korenfeld, 11, who yearns to leave with her parents.

The Group of 35 charges that Jews are the only nationality not permitted any cultural or educational institutions or activities in their own language.

The two-day national conference, which preceded the demonstration, was called so that delegates from here and Montreal could map out strategy for the months ahead.

Marcia Kretzmer's food column is missing this week, Mrs. Kretzmer having fallen victim to chickenpox. Hopefully, the column will resume next week, unless complications prolong her indisposition.

Women praised

KITCHENER, Ont. —

The leadership of the Kitchener/Waterloo 1975 Women's Division Campaign recently came together for a dessert luncheon at the home of Mrs. David Acker, who is co-chairman of the 1975 campaign with Mrs. Harold Somer.

They came to hear Joan Lipson, chairman of the Toronto UJA women's division campaign.

Mrs. Lipson commended the women of Kitchener/Waterloo for their efforts, and for their high level of women's giving.

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The first parlor meeting of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University was held at the home of Dr. Sol Goldstein, member of the board of CFTU. From left are: Albert Latner, CFTU national chairman; Dr. Goldstein; Nina Aharon, public relations officer; Miriam Ziev, Israel vice-consul and Tel Aviv University graduate; Ruhama Goldstein and Yerach M. Aharon, national executive director. (Gadi Hoz)

Regional Shabbaton gathers young

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

NCSYers 14-18 years old from Toronto and some smaller communities in the area, gathered in Hamilton's Adas Israel Synagogue last weekend for a regional Shabbaton.

Special guest for the weekend was Rabbi Binyamin Schiller of New York, national educational director of NCSY.

Characteristic of the entire program were much enthusiastic singing and ruach among all participants. On Saturday afternoon there were several workshops and discussion groups on themes of Jewish thought and Jewish studies, and later that afternoon Rabbi Schiller talked about the founding and religious principles of NCSY.

After havdallah, a "kumsitz" — singing and praying and meditation — lasted until 5 a.m. the next morning.

Torontonians arrived back before noon Sunday, in time to hear Rabbi Aaron Soloveitchik speak at Shaarei Tefillah, where a sefer torah was donated to the youth Drop-In Centre.

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A Jewish Softball League was recently established here in Toronto. By the time the four-week season is over (the championship game will be held on the weekend of June 22), each of the five teams (Beth Emeth, Beth Tzedec, Bialik, Bnei Akiva and Shaarei Shomayim) will have played eight games — two against each of the other teams.

The league was formed by 15-year-old Jacob Burack, a grade nine student at Associated. He got the idea from similar inter-synagogue leagues in New York.

Before last weekend (the deadline for this column) the standings in the league were:

	W	L	Pct.
Shaarei Shomayim	2	0	1.000
Beth Emeth	3	1	.750
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Sunday, June 15, 12:30 p.m. at Viewmount Park: Shaarei Shomayim vs. Beth Tzedec *(double-header)*.

Leaf's PR man Howard Starkman

'I am not frustrated player'

By LAURA GOLDSTEIN

Howard Starkman

TORONTO —

Toronto's hockey fans are knowledgeable, tolerant, and yet more inhibited than their American counterparts, according to Howard Starkman, director of administration and publicity for the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey Club. Although supportive, "Toronto people are very conservative and feel that it is often childish to really root for a team."

Unpretentious and self-effacing, the 30-year-old, Toronto-born executive appears oblivious to any glamor surrounding his career. "I am not a frustrated hockey player," he confided, "nor was hockey what I initially wanted to do when I was in school."

Although intrigued with the game as a young boy, Starkman had no inclination that he would someday become professionally involved with the sport. As a science student attending the University of Western Ontario, and later as an arts student at the University of Toronto, Starkman worked during the summer months in the box office at Maple Leaf Gardens. After graduating, he began working in group sales and promotion, until eventually he became affiliated with the hockey club, for which he has worked for the past seven years.

As director of administration and publicity, he is responsible for all the travel and hotel arrangements for the Toronto team throughout the season, as well as overseeing many of the press releases concerning the Leafs.

What appears as insurmountable on-the-job pressure, reaching its peak during the play-off period, subsides in the summer months, although the seemingly relentless paper work never dwindles. It is during the summer that Starkman, in conjunction with Gregory, the Leaf's general manager, must ponder over contracts, training camps, and the minor league drafts.

Starkman promptly explains, however, that the tension "is never too great for Red Kelly, Mr. Ballard, King Clancy and I to enjoy a good laugh together."

When asked if those players who receive exorbitant contracts at such young ages, must be pampered and individually catered to, Starkman replied: "Most of them have advisors, agents and lawyers who handle their affairs. But they realize that they might only be able to play for 10 or 15 years, and then they have to find some other means of making a dollar. Most players have homes in the city and make their own individual arrangements."

He reiterated that the "players are basically human beings who have an ability to play hockey. One or two may be prima donnas, but most enjoy the sport and being with their families as often as possible."

Commenting on the intensified interest in hockey displayed by women over the last few years, Starkman stated that "due to the media, girls have grown up with hockey, just as boys have. However, women will usually attend a hockey game with their husbands or boy friends, as a social outing on a Saturday night. While it is common to see groups of men attending games, women will seldom go alone or with only other women."

A bachelor, who also enjoys playing golf and tennis, Starkman remains logical and yet flexible, concerning his personal life as well as his career ambitions in the future.

Sincerely dedicated to his job, he is constantly on the go, but feels that his friendships are not jeopardized. In fact, his travels to many cities throughout Canada and the United States, allow him to meet new and interesting people. "Everyone's personal life must bend a little to their job. No one should ever close their roads concerning new job opportunities, because things change," he said.

While Toronto remains his home base in terms of his work as well as his parents and sister, Starkman candidly states that "I am a bit of a fatalist. If something happened or if an opportunity arose, I would not be adverse to moving to another city."

One day, time permitting, Starkman would like to manage a hockey club. "I am still young," he explained, "and you must be at the right place at the right time."

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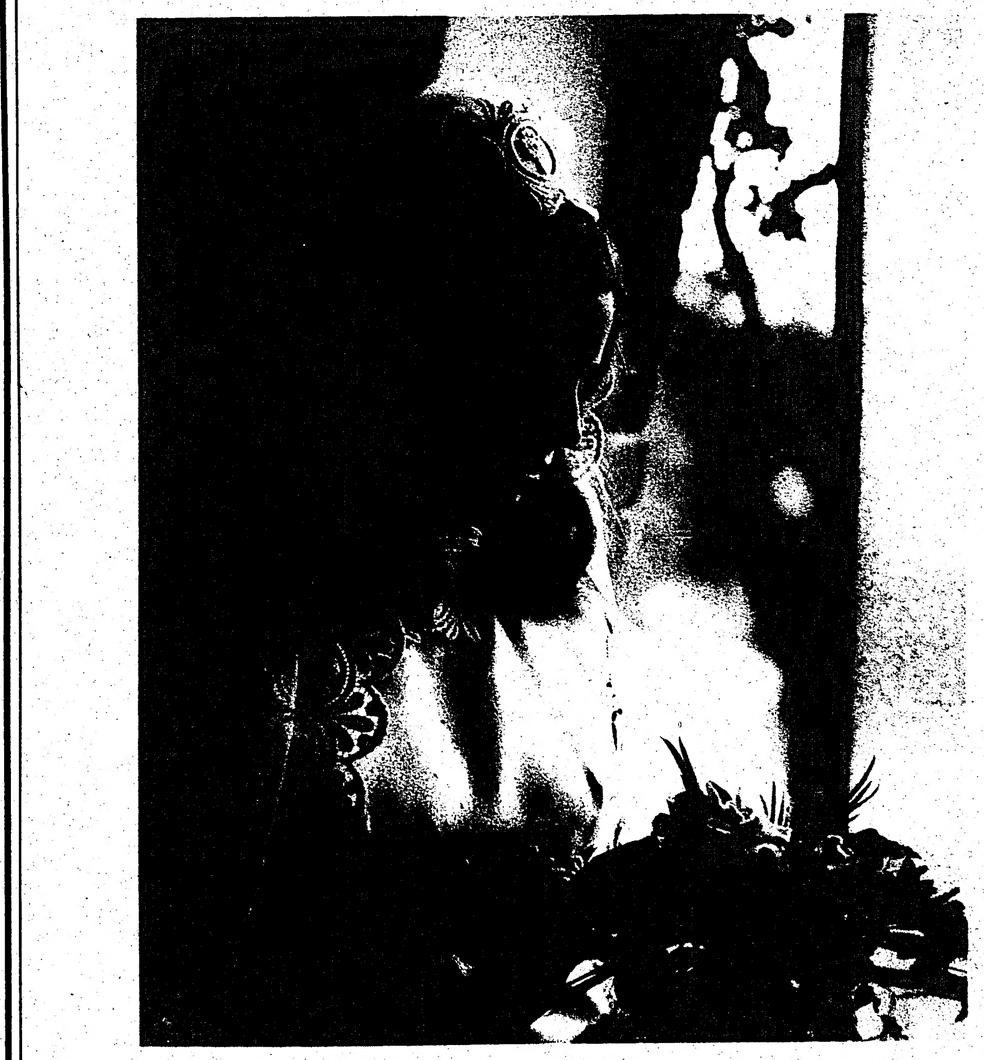

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Joseph Goldenberg celebrates his victory as Toronto Board of Education Ward II trustee, along with his wife Elaine. Goldenberg works at the Baycrest Centre.

Youth fund set up as memorial to J. Lepofsky

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO — Walking under a chupa held by friends and family and holding a gold-and-silver crowned torah, Herb Lepofsky and world-renowned Jewish scholar Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik, led a joyous, singing, clapping procession into Shaarei Tefillah synagogue on Bathurst Street last Sunday.

The Lepofsky family presented a sefer torah to the synagogue in honor of the memory of the late Jack Lepofsky and set up a memorial youth fund in his name.

"Jack Lepofsky was a man concerned that the Jewish traditions he loved and knew so well would disappear with his generation," said Shaarei Tefillah Rabbi Meyer Berglas. "It was his last wish" said the Rabbi, "to always keep the youth part of the synagogue."

Supported by funds from the Lepofsky family and money raised during the Siyam Ha'Sefer ceremony, the Memorial fund will support a youth drop-in centre, exchange visits between synagogues and varied study and social programs.

The Siyum Ha'Sefer ceremony, which is fundamental to the presentation of the torah, allowed members of the synagogue and public to inscribe a Hebrew letter or the initial of the name of a loved person in the torah. Inscriptions in the torah were made with the assistance of a specially qualified torah scribe who held or guided the hand of each person making the inscription. Each inscription involved a donation to the Memorial Fund.

In his address to the gathering, guest speaker Rabbi Soloveichik, the Rosh Ha'Yeshiva of Yeshivat Brisk in Chicago, underlined the honor of inscribing a letter in the Torah and the obligation of all to incorporate torah into their lives. Torah was like a universal song in its meaning and application in all human affairs, he suggested. Written in two forms of expression, poetic and prose, he said it was to be appreciated both with heart and mind, feelings and reason.

With gestures and impassioned speech, he said torah revealed an integration of all the laws of human nature and the universe. He affirmed the correspondence and harmony between the pattern of experiences in life and God's words, between creation and Creator.

He strongly emphasized the quality of "wholeness" both in the study of Torah in its entirety and in daily human experience to maintain "moral and spiritual equilibrium today."

The Lepofsky family, he said, had shown how to combine and integrate the experiences of joy and agony. Out of the anguish of having lost a beloved member of the family, they brought joy to the whole Jewish community, not just the synagogue, with the dedication of a sefer torah and the Siyum Ha'Sefer ceremony.

The newly dedicated torah was the one recovered after a fire hit the old downtown Apter congregation prior to its merger with Shaarei Tefillah in 1969. The torah, although waterlogged and with one whole section completely ruined, was recoverable. It was the duty of synagogue members to one day restore it to its original state, said the Rabbi.

With the encouragement and support of the Lepofsky family, Rabbi Berglas finally found an Israeli scribe who could duplicate the script style of the original torah. The torah was then dispatched to Israel for its painstaking recovery and brought back to the Shaarei Tefillah resplendent with new velvet covers, handles and gold and silver crown.

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Newly elected school trustee feels by-elections are wasteful

By Wanda Wintrobe

TORONTO — Joseph Goldenberg is Toronto's newest politician — a school trustee with a social worker's conscience. He represents Ward 11 on the Toronto Board of Education.

It cost taxpayers $35,000 to elect Goldenberg in the April 28 by-election. And he is the first to object to by-elections of this type.

"Shouldn't the runner-up, provided he has sufficient percentage vote, be appointed to fill a vacancy?," asks Goldenberg. "This money could be better spent on children's educational needs." He was defeated in his 1966 bid for this same political seat.

Joe Goldenberg, 44, is better known to Ontario's Jewish communites as former owner-director of Camp Ogama. Today he is connected with the social service department of the Baycrest Centre.

The $7,200 trusteeship salary is not what tempted Goldenberg to try for public office. "I'm reasonably intelligent. I have worked with younger people and I know something about their problems. Being on the board will allow me to express input towards solutions."

Then he leaned back on the kitchen chair in his Forest Hill home where our casual interview was taking place. "I also ran because I thought I could win — not for the exercise." Since the fall of 1971, when Camp Ogama was sold, Goldenberg has been trying to establish a second successful career. He has never been afraid of hard work or challenge.

Nobody handed Goldenberg a camp. Coming from a poor family, he put himself through university by working summers for the Jewish Camp Council and winters at Holy Blossom Temple, organizing youth group programs. In 1954, he received his Bachelor of Social Work degree. The following year, he leased Camp Ogama and bought it in 1958, in partnership with Joe Kronick.

As the camp was not self-supporting during Goldenberg's first six years of operation, he worked as director of youth, first for Beth Sholom Synagogue, then three years for Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Why did he sell his camp? "It seemed like a good idea at the time," he replied with a smile.

Goldenberg joined Sheridan Community College as co-ordinator of the social service department during the 1971-72 school season. During this period, Goldenberg was appointed director of the Integra Foundation for Children with Learning Disabilities.

"In the camp scene, I accepted a number of children with disabilities. I found out for myself how much can be done with them in the normal setting. I became quite convinced that a number who are shunted aside needn't be isolated into groups or labels that cut them off from the total community.

"Learning disabilities must be diagnosed at as early a stage as possible and personnel must be available in the school system at all levels," Goldenberg insists. As trustee for Ward 11, he will advocate hiring more teachers trained in special education to cope with children on waiting lists.

Goldenberg will also be concerned with limiting the student — teacher ratio per classroom, provincial cost-sharing and accelerated use of school facilities by the department of parks and recreation. He has just become a member of a work committee, re-evaluating all student services, including social service and guidance programs.

Goldenberg is a past program executive of South Prep Home and School Association and a former director of the Forest Hill Memorial Arena. He is the father of three children: Randy, 17, Debbie, 14, and Beth, 8. His wife, Elaine, embarked on a career of her own two months ago — selling real estate. "She is doing very well," Goldenberg confided proudly.

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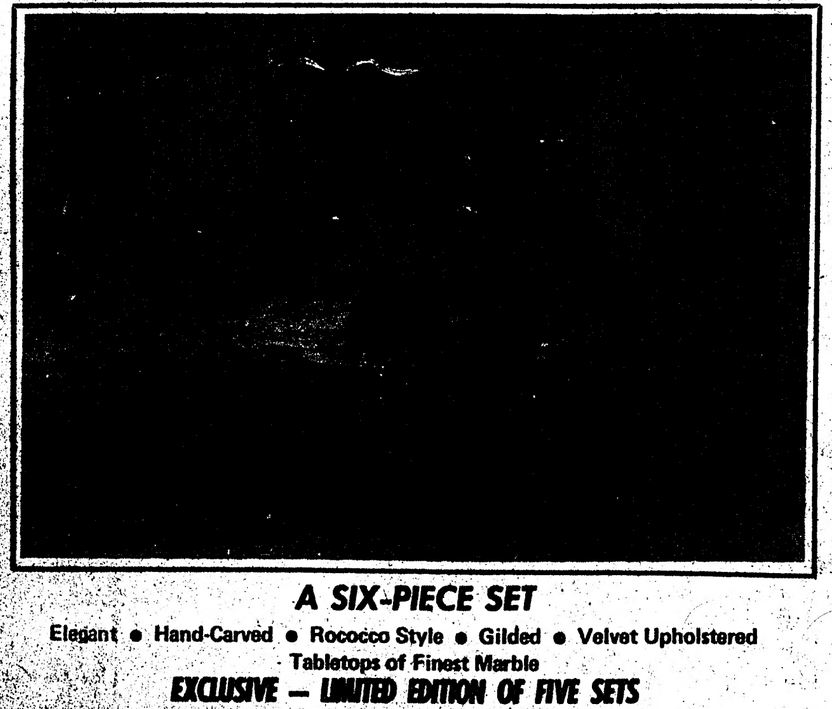

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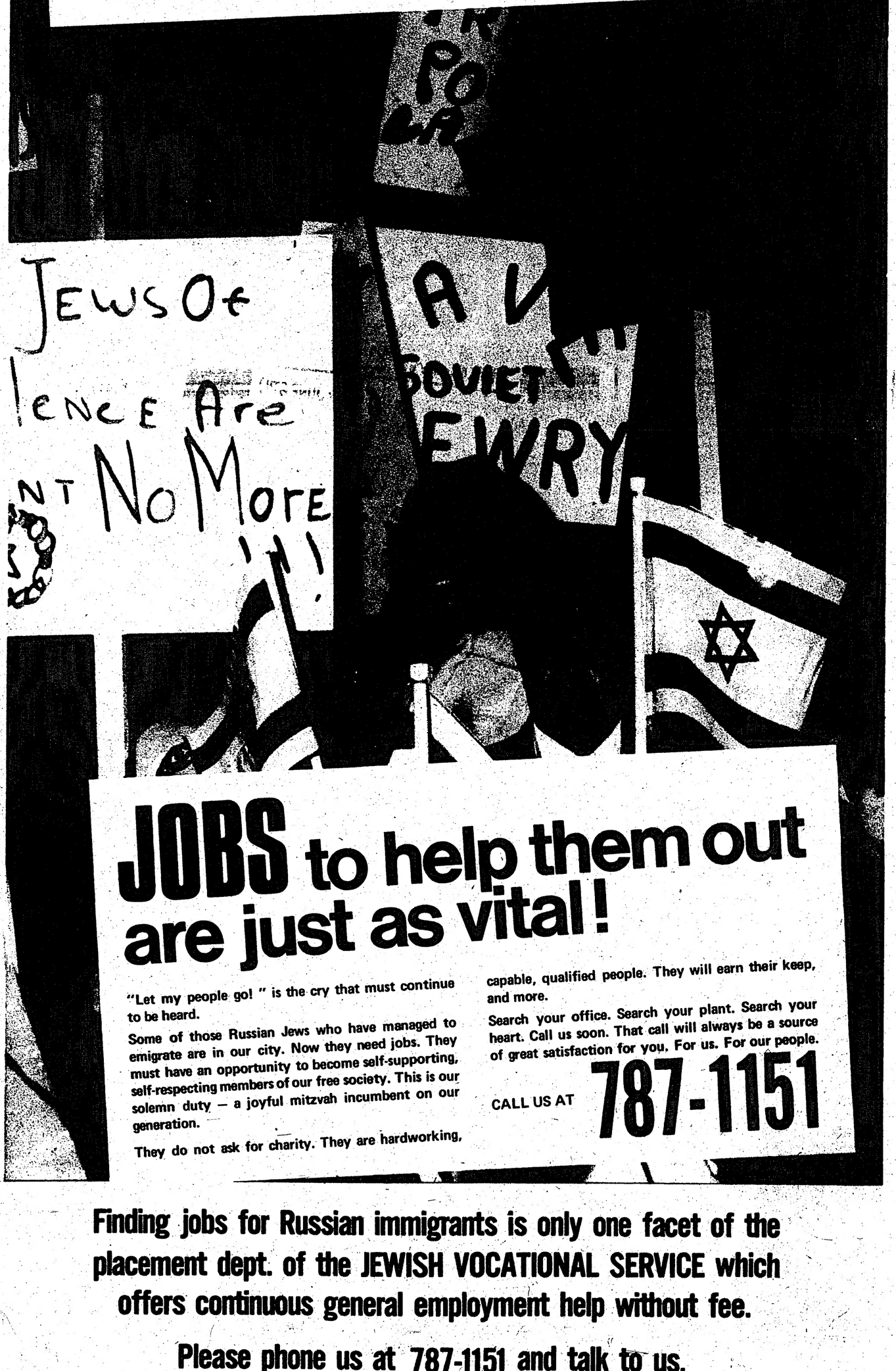

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National Budgeting Conference

New 'fair-share' formula is developed

By CYNTHIA RUBIN
[First of two parts]

MONTREAL — As a result of meetings by the National Budgeting Conference (NBC) Jewish communities throughout Canada will share the financial support of national organizations on a more "rational basis" and participate in their policy decisions.

A "fair-share" formula for Canadian Jewish communities was developed following a year of negotiations and budget-studies by the NBC.

On the basis of this formula, representatives of national organizations, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), United Jewish Relief Agencies, (UJRA) and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) and the representatives of 10 Jewish community funds across Canada, approved the budgets of CJC, UJRA, and JIAS at a Toronto meeting in March.

Jewish population and fund raising are the basis of the NBC formula which established the amount a community contributes to the support of a national organization.

Montreal's Jewish population constitutes 38.5% of the Canadian Jewish Community and Toronto's 37%.

To arrive at the fund-raising figure a total of the 1973 Emergency Campaign and the preceding campaign were used. Montreal raised 34.7% of those funds.

The total ration for these two cities when Jewish population and fund-raising are taken into account is 36.6% for Montreal and 36.8% for Toronto.

Those communities not represented in the NBC will continue to support national organizations through the United Jewish Appeal.

For 1975, the NBC has approved a budget of $231,673 for JIAS for operating costs, compared with $197,493 in 1974; UJRA and JIAS received $2,150,000 for relief costs compared with $1,657,103 in 1974; CJC has received $1,000,000 compared with $788,003 in 1974.

Income from other sources includes $24,400 for JIAS compared to last year's $33,312; UJRA received $50,000 compared with $56,387 in 1974; CJC received no additional funds this year but received $12,181 in 1974.

The total budget for national organizations in 1975 stands at $3,456,073 compared with $2,744,478 in 1974.

"For the first time Congress has a reasonable budget," explained Congress' assistant national director, Steve Ain.

Between April and December 1974 representatives of the welfare funds and the national organizations studied the budgets and allocations of Allied Jewish Community Services (AJCS) in Montreal, United Jewish Welfare Fund (UJWF) in Toronto and the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council. They also examined the budgets and general operations of JIAS, CJC, and UJRA.

Ain pointed out that additional funds awarded to Congress will cover 10% inflationary costs as well as increased allocations for Soviet Jewry, community relations and programs on behalf of Israel.

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By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — While many Jewish businessmen spend a lot of time and money supporting Israel through fund-raising campaigns, relatively few think of incorporating that support with their trading activities.

Though El Al Israel Airlines operates a competitive air cargo service it continues to be overshadowed in the public's mind by its popular passenger service for tourists to Israel.

"The same people who are interested in supporting the state of Israel overlook the fact that it is of tremendous importance if Israel's national airline is supported," said Hyman M. Lerner, cargo supervisor for El Al at Dorval International Airport.

"Many small Jewish businessmen are not even aware that this service exists."

El Al is one of the largest employers in Israel. "Every dollar spent in doing business with El Al generates new jobs which in turn create other jobs in many related fields."

El Al has also been the "life line" of Israel in times of extreme national distress. During the last wars all foreign flights and steam ships to the country were cancelled, noted Lerner.

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With a full load of passengers the planes can hold 5,000 lbs. of commercial cargo. In the off-season, generally winter, or on days when travel is light the aircraft can transport much heavier loads.

El Al handles the accounts of some of the largest multi-national corporations in Canada, including IBM, but hopes to attract a larger share of smaller enterprises' business.

"There was a big spurt in commercial traffic when the Canadian government granted a credit line to the Israeli government in 1973 to purchase capital goods," Lerner said.

Now with the largest share of exports to Israel by air freight, El Al's annual gross dollar volume of exports has gone from $67,000 to $75,000 since opening in Canada in March, 1971.

During Lerner's 10 years in the cargo division of El Al, which began in New York before his coming to Montreal, the type of commodities exported have changed. Personal items such as gift parcels to relatives in Israel used to form the bulk of shipments before the growth in commercial cargo.

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Through special grants and other assistance, older people are finding the opportunity to go back to school and university — to develop new talents and concentrate on new interests.

For specific information about programs and services available to senior citizens, the Ministry of Community and Social Services has just published RESOURCES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. For a copy, contact your local Ministry of Community and Social Services office or write:

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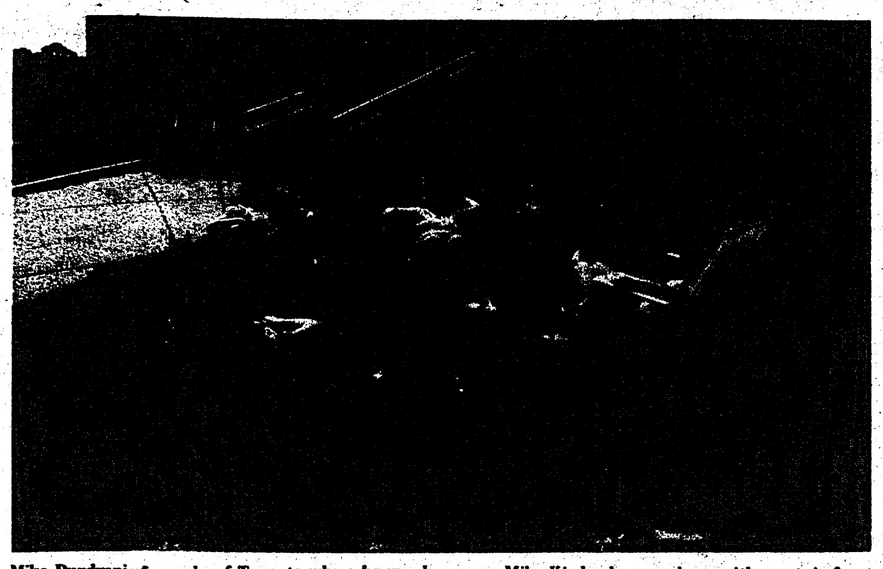

Mike Duvdvani, formerly of Toronto where he was known as Mike Kirshenbaum, relaxes with guests in front of Kibbutz Gesher Aziv in the Western Galilee. Kibbutz vacations are offered in motel-like units. (Israel Gov't)

Really meet Israelis' on kibbutz

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO — "It's the second best guest house anywhere," insists Mike Duvdvani (formerly Kirshenbaum), Toronto-born manager of the motel-like units at Gesher Haziv, a kibbutz in the western Galilee area of Israel. Asked which is the very best, he declares, "we're still looking for the one that tops ours."

In Toronto recently with his wife, Tsila, who oversees the kitchen and dining room of the holiday home, he explained the concept of a kibbutz vacation.

"It offers," he said, "a unique experience, an opportunity to really meet Israelis and see just how a kibbutz operates. And it's economical, only $15 for a couple per night in a luxury room with private bath." The traditionally bountiful kibbutz breakfast is included.

Tsila adds, "the setting is ideal, too, beautiful and peaceful, right on the Mediterranean Sea. It's quite a change from Brooklyn, where I grew up."

Mike and his wife are enthusiastic kibbutzniks, who met in New York, married and went to Israel, then Palestine, just before 1948. He was a member of the Zionist-oriented Habonim, and she also had strong convictions about a national homeland.

Twenty-seven years ago they helped found Gesher Haziv, living at first in tents, with no electricity or water. A sense of adventure plus a desire to live away from big city pressures, combined with idealism, helped them through the tough early years. Here they raised a daughter who is in her 20s, and a 19-year-old son, serving in the army.

Gesher Haziv, which means Bridge of Splendor, was named in honor of 14 young boys, Palmach fighters, who were responsible for blowing up several local bridges when their enemies included both British and Arabs. Somehow, one bridge, located near the site of the present kibbutz, escaped demolition, but the boys completely and mysteriously disappeared.

Now, the kibbutz is a thriving community of 450 men, women and children, who grow bananas and citrus fruits, raise turkeys, plant cotton — a comparatively new crop for Israel, and provide the raw materials necessary for a structural foam plastic factory which is currently in the planning stage.

And of couse, there is the guest house, one of a chain of 21 operating on kibbutzim in various parts of Israel. Here, a visitor can spend a day or two, or weeks, relaxing in contemporary comfort while exploring this particular way of life, and, if he's a frustrated farmer, even helping in the fields.

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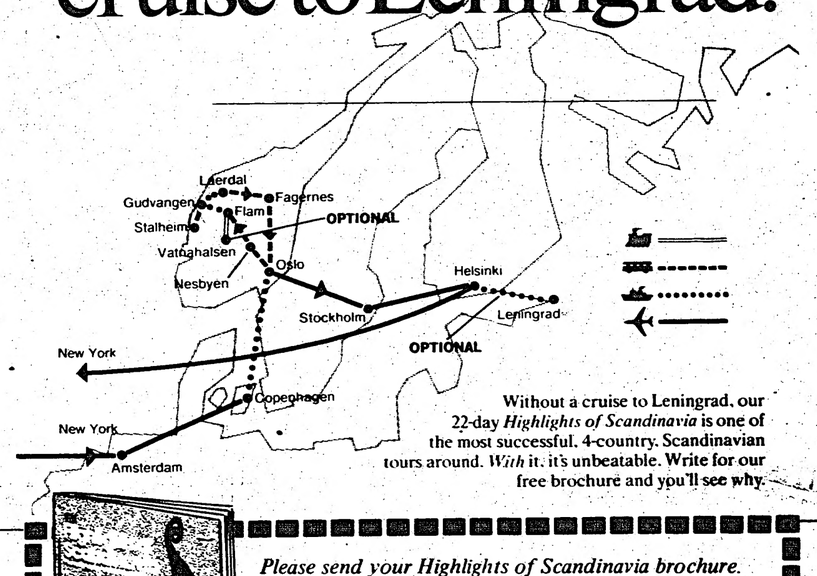

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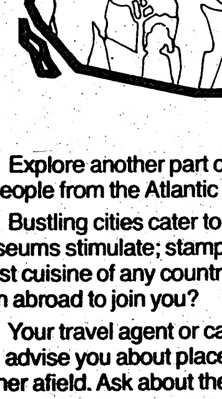
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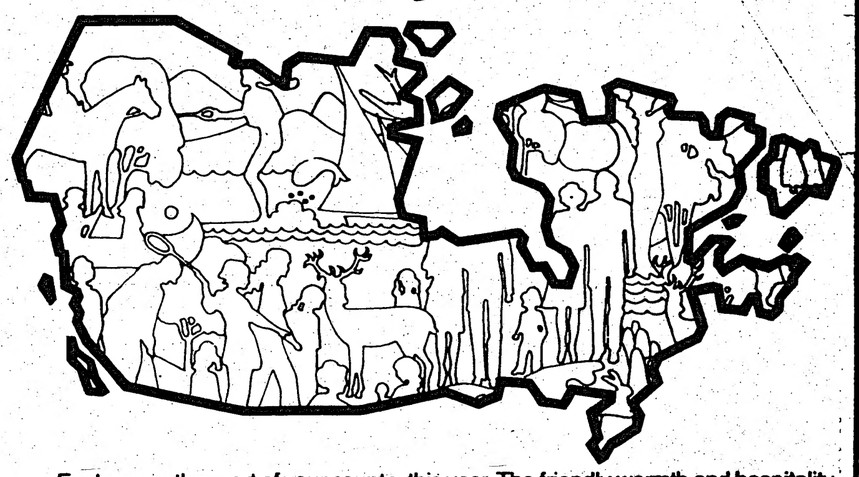
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Bikel joins Lubavitch in fight for Judaic survival

music

By RICK KARDONNE

The current involvement of Theodore Bikel with the Lubavitcher Chassidic movement is a recent and most welcome development: a tribute to Lubavitcher's intellectual as well as spiritual stature as one of contemporary Judaism's most vital vehicles of expression; a tribute from one of the leading, affirmatively — Jewish cultural figures.

In Toronto on May 26 as the featured performer at the Third Lubavitcher Chassidic Song Festival, Theodore Bikel explained his total involvement with Lubavitch as being a natural extension of his overriding concern with Jewish survival. "We're still groping," he said, going on to state that Lubavitch, more than anything else, has succeeded in helping confused Jewish young people find themselves.

Working with drug-oriented alienated Jews, as well as with convert Jesus freaks (Jews for Jesus), Lubavitch has fulfilled their need for an emotional catharsis which is unavailable in the more establishment - oriented and asssimilationist channels of North American Jewish life, he said. Thus, Chassidism, which reaches out towards all Jews, religious or non-religious, is, in the opinion of Theodore Bikel (and my view as well), the most revealing and truest form of Orthodoxy.

Asked about the growth of the affirmative Jewish cultural and religious-youth movement in the last 2½ years since I last spoke to him, Bikel replied that both numerically and qualitatively, it has grown enormously. A positively Jewish vocal minority has emerged in New York and throughout North America.

But he said the apathetic among the Jewish population still constitute the largest body. Their Jewish consciousness is moveable only by temporary stimuli—such as immediate threats to Israel's existence. As soon as the threat's immediate dramatic impact ebbs, this majority sinks back into apathy. There is also a small but unfortunately vocal minority of self-hating Jews in New York. Bikel believes that the hostility of the Ford administration towards Israel will propel both the committed and the hostile into action.

Through all of this, Lubavitcher has consistently been a major factor towards catalyzing committed Jews as well as attracting many uncommitted Jews to its ranks. A shining example of the latter are the fine musicians and performers who backed up Theodore Bikel during the Toronto concert such as Cleveland-based dancer Michael Tinman, who turned down possible engagements with two of New York's best dance companies (Alvin Ailey and Arthur Mitchell) in order to dance with Lubavitch.

Chava Alberstein's singing in Yiddish brings life to tradition-filled tongue

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Unlike so many young Israelis, Chava Alberstein professes no dislike for the dying Yiddish language.

Chava, Israel's foremost female vocalist, cherishes Yiddish in much the same way as many of her contemporaries idolize Hebrew, the language of renaissance. Says Chava, who recently performed at the United Synagogue Day School Parents' Association — sponsored concert at Beth Tzedec Synagogue here: "It makes me mad that Israelis appreciate Spanish or French but not Yiddish."

A petite, pleasant woman with a clear, powerful voice, Chava remarked: "The Israelis are paranoic. Yiddish reminds them of the things they want to forget. By the time they wake up, Yiddish may be dead."

And to her large, enthusiastic audience at Beth Tzedec, Chava said: "Singing in Yiddish is like talking to a wall."

Like many Israelis in their mid or late-20s, Chava was brought up in a Yiddish-speaking milieu. Yet unlike the majority of her peers, she did not rebel against Yiddish or the Eastern European culture in which it prospered so mightily until World War II.

"Yiddish is a whole culture and its songs are dying," she lamented. "I'm very sad this is happening."

Chava has always been in love with Yiddish. As a student at the Hebrew University, she studied Yiddish literature. If fate had not intervened, she would have gone on to become a teacher with a pent-up urge for singing. Instead of pursuing a pedogogic career, however, she turned to another labor of love, singing. As a folksinger and balladeer, she takes some pains to promote Yiddish, even though she realizes that her Hebrew and English melodies are far more popular.

In spite of her deep-seated emotional bonds to Yiddish, Chava would be the first to deny that her promotion of this earthy 1,000-year-old jargon is based purely on sentiment. She discovered soon after plunging into professional singing that Yiddish songs lent themselves well to her guitar and to her compulsion to sing simple, down-to-earth songs.

Chava, four-time winner of the Kinor David award, Israel's version of the Grammy, was born 28 years ago in the Polish town of Shszeezin. Her parents were the only ones in their respective families to survive the Holocaust. With the searing memory of her parents' war-time ordeal to remind her of the Yiddish culture which the Nazis almost succeeded in obliterating, Chava turned toward Yiddish rather than away from it when she was growing up in Kiryat Haim, near Haifa.

When she was 14, her father, scion of a musically-inclined family, bought her a guitar. "It was like a new toy around the house," she recalled, grinning. After learning how to play the guitar exceedingly well, Chava started to sing. To this day, she claims, she is unsure as to why she took to singing. In any event, she was soon noticed by the talent scouts, and on the eve of her induction into the army, she had become known as a radio performer.

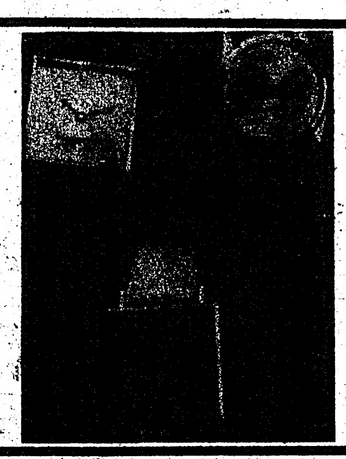
In the army, she spent the bulk of her time with an entertainment troupe. "I learned a lot in the army," she said. "The soldiers were tough critics. I built up a large repertoire... And they didn't laugh when I sang in Yiddish."

Today, Chava sings her songs throughout the world, but in Israel her favorite audiences are kibbutzniks and university students. Many of her songs, from **Loo L'hee** to **Gently, Gently,** are written expressly for her by the most talented Israeli composers — Nomi Shemer, Micha Segal, Sascha Argov and Moshe Wilensky — who also happen to be her personal friends.

A few of her most delightful songs are about children, which is hardly a coincident as far as she is concerned. Her five-year old daughter has inspired quite a few of her hits. Her husband, Amiram, usually mans the lights when he accompanies Chava to her concerts.

(Gadi Hoz photograph)

Chava Alberstein - a singer of many languages.



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Chana Sandburg has lived life well

By JUDITH BASHEVIS

TORONTO —

There was something predictably warm and dignified about Chana Sandburg. She's that rare combination of humble woman and talented artist, preserving her reverance for life in the spirit of her work.

She ushered me into the unassuming apartment, with its musty floor to ceiling book cases, scattered rugs and old-fashioned walnut desk. It reminded me of the apartments of the old Yiddish writers in New York described in an Isaac Bashevis Singer novel.

Over glasses of apricot nectar, Chana Sandburg talked one sunny spring morning, retreating often into nostalgia, sadness and laughter and tears.

She's a complex human being — many things to many people. To her students at York University's Stong College, where she teaches themes in Biblical art, Mrs. Sandburg is a wise spirit. "They are my children, my family," she says of them.

To her late husband, Mordecai, she was that woman of valor who laid down her art brushes to go out and work to support the family, while he, a doctor by profession, embarked on a new career — music.

To her kindergarten teacher in Safad, where Chana grew up in what was then Palestine, she was that different child, the one who painted real shapes and forms while the others merely scribbled.

To her father, a devout Jew, she was that loving daughter who spent Shabbat afternoons pouring over the Tehillim, the Psalm of Psalms, while her friends played outside.

Taking walks together, he would say: 'Look Chana,' beckoning her gaze upwards. She would see nothing out of the ordinary, just the sky, the sun, the heaven, the earth. She would look for a long, long time before her child's mind would come to understand the extraordinary quality of nature's creations — that they had endured until then and would endure forever.

These childhood memories are printed on her mind. They had served to buoy her spirits and appreciation of the Creator, and in her own way, she has brought these feelings to life. She has illustrated the Tehillim, drawing together into a nucleus of theme and color all her childhood memories and experiences which give meaning to the Psalms.

Chana Sandburg - painter and lecturer. (D. Groskind)

Using three basic colors-red for love, blue for prayer and yellow for the spirit of God, she has taken each verse, line by line, and brought the letters to paper, stretching them into shapes and sizes and forms that depict the mood and tone of their message.

"Shamranee Kail, Kee Chasiti Bach." I have the right to ask forgiveness," she said. "To thine own self one has to be true."

Parts of her work have been on display at the college, most of them contained in sheafs bound in leather binders.

To Mrs. Sandburg, the Bible is a vibrant force that is as alive today as it was 2,000 years ago. She believes that although people go through the motions of living, they are walking around as though dead. Despite the ills and depressions that plague 20th century life, she feels man must advance himself spiritually.

To her, we are all part of the Divine plan and each of us has a mission. Her pre-occupation now is with her students, to whom she feels obligated to imbue a sense of hope and enthusiasm for life.

"If I open the eyes of one student...to make life a little more meaningful and take away the darkness that every student goes through...then this is my mission."

Mrs. Sandburg began teaching at Stong College in 1970. Prior to that, she and her husband had lived for almost 30 years in New York, where she had been busy most of those years working and painting. To her credit, she has had showings there at the John Myers, East Side and Living Art Galleries, among others.

When I asked her how long she had labored to fill the endless binders with Tehillim illustrations, she replied nonchalantly: "Most of my life."

Now, she is alone. Her life is simple — lecturing and painting. She shows you with furious pride huge volumes of music. Her late husband had put the entire Tehillim to musical score. Memories of him are rich and full and happy and tearful — the kind of tears that flow with the pure love of a husband and wife for each other. These are the memories of a life well lived, which are the just rewards of the chosen few.

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Conferences are sparked by guidelines of Vatican

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

"The most significant feature of the Vatican guidelines," says Rabbi Allan Langner, chairman of the National Religious Department of the Canadian Jewish Congress, "is the recommendation to Catholics to discard former Christian conceptions of Judaism and to learn to see Judaism as Jews see it."

In this new spirit of mutual tolerance, a Catholic-Jewish conference, organized in part by Rabbi Langner, recently took place and a second conference took place in Ottawa.

Rabbi Langner emphasized that the idea of dialogue itself is a breakthrough.

"Until recently," he noted, "one of the cardinal doctrines of Catholicism was that there was only one religion, namely Catholicism. Nothing else was considered a religion. Consequently, the whole concept of religious freedom didn't exist because not even Protestantism was accepted as an alternative form of Christianity."

The Vatican guideliness specifically define dialogue as the communication with others on the basis of mutual respect for each other's religious convictions.

One of the guidelines calls for the establishment of a commission to publicly explain that the unfavorable passages about Jews in the New Testament are not to be taken as a blanket statement against all Jews.

"Of course we may regard it as a kind of chutzpah," remarked Rabbi Langner, "that we should have been collectively blamed for a crime 'we' never committed and then have been suddenly exonerated.

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'We must face reality in our approach'

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We must realize that our priorities are different from the rest of the world's. Israel, Soviet Jews, Jews who are old, sick or poor, and Jewish children who deserve a good and happy Jewish education — these are all more important than luxury vacations and swimming pools, lavish bar mitzvahs and weddings.

In practical terms, there is a lot we can do. The Task Force on the Financing of Jewish Education is about to publish its interim report, which indicates that there's a lot of slack to be taken up. Tuition fees can be tied more closely to cost, reductions can be based on the parents' ability to pay rather than to argue, and tuition committees can get a lot tougher, especially if they are replaced by one tuition committee responsible to the Welfare Fund, which, after all, has to pick up the slack.

A simcha tax has been dismissed as impossible to enforce. But we can start a voluntary tax campaign, through synagogues, organizations like B'nai B'rith, and fund raisers like the UJA. We know we can raise millions during emergencies. There are two emergencies that just won't go away, and Jewish education is one.

Should we give up on the government? No. The pattern described by the minister may be valid for parents who want a more open secular education and a less intense Jewish education than present day schools provide. We owe it to them to explore what is feasible within the law.

And we owe it the parents of day school children to try to change the law. Quebec and Alberta have found a way to support private schools. A system based on the principle that the grant follows the child to whatever accredited school he attends is fair to all independent schools. The Ontario system is not the only one that works, and through membership in associations of independent schools, we can lobby to change the system.

In Europe, we used to say, with a mixture of bitterness and pride, "It's hard to be a Jew." That's still true, here as well as in Israel or the Soviet Union. We must accept it without bitterness, and with pride. We can ask for what we feel is rightfully ours, but we must be prepared always to rely only on ourselves.

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lected passages from the Bible and of knowledge on modern Israel and Jewish current events.

The Study Committee recommends enrichment programs for exceptional youngsters, uniform examinations, and a re-evaluation of reading programs with a view to provide an approach which will enable students to begin studying Hebrew as early as possible.

On the question of lay leadership in the schools, the report states: "There should be a limit to the number of years that any one member can be on the board...limitless service...may cause the overall objectives of Jewish education harm by causing boards to stagnate and not reflect the thinking of the current parent population."

On transportation, the report says the Board of Jewish Education should investigate the feasibility of having one bus system for all schools.

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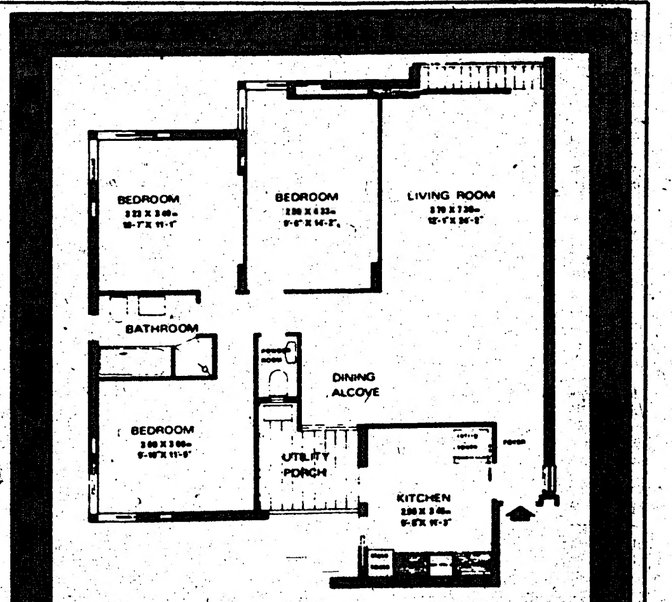

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Congress meeting

NEW YORK — Leaders of the American section of the World Jewish Congress, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the Comite Central Israelita de Mexico met in New York last week for the first meeting of the North American branch of the World Jewish Congress General Council under the chairmanship of Edgar Bronfman.

Bronfman is also the chairman of the International Committee on the Arab Boycott, established by the WJC in May, to advise the national constituents of the WJC and help co-ordinate their actions. He outlined to the meeting the problems, to which his committee would address itself, and what it hoped to be able to do. He was followed by Phil Baum, associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress, who reported on the actions taken or projected by his organization, and on the situation in the United States generally. Alan Rose, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, reported on the situation in Canada, and Mario Nudelstejer on the situation in Mexico.

Enrique Elias, vice-president of the Comite Central Israelita de Mexico, on behalf of his organization, extended an invitation to the North American Branch to hold its next meeting in Mexico City in October when the Latin American Jewish Congress would be assembling in that city. He suggested that both the North American and the Latin American Branches come together for one or two days and hold a Pan-American Congress on matters on common interest. The invitation was unanimously accepted, and it was agreed that further discussions would take place regarding the most suitable time.

Philip Klutznick, chairman of the governing board of the WJC, reported on the last meeting of the newly-established international executive of the WJC, and spoke on the possibilities of this new body.

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ALIYAH: 'THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE'

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FIRST PRIZE

By Mitchell Pozner, 14-years-old, Beth Tikvah Hebrew School.

ALIYAH:

"THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE"

A dream is not only a vision but a goal or aim — Aliyah should be the goal and aim that every Jew in the Diaspora should strive to fulfill! Aliyah means "going up." As the realization of the dream of generations, Aliyah can be divided into two categories:

1. The dream of Aliyah that our forefathers had before the creation of the state. 2. Now we have a state, and the fulfillment of that dream! For the Jews of yesterday, Aliyah meant going up to the Holy Land three times a year, on Pesach, Shavuot and Succoth. In our modern society the meaning of Aliyah is the same but it has taken on a new form or shape. Basically it means immigration to the State of Israel.

From the first Jew, Abraham, Aliyah had been the foremost thing in the minds of our forefathers. Abraham is first introduced to Aliyah in Genesis, (chpt. XVII-verse 8) "And I will give thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy soujournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession." As Aliyah is an never ending cycle, Israel passes the responsibility of Aliyah on Joseph's shoulders, (Gen., chpt. XLVIII-verse 21.) "Behold I die, but G—d will be with you, and bring you back unto the land of your fathers." So as you can see Aliyah is not just a passing fad, and it stayed with our forefathers who passed it on to their sons.

The Jews finally dwelled in Canaan, but were exiled time and time again. Our people suffered many hardships, but they kept on living for the day that they could return to Zion. As Issiah said so beautifully (Psalm 137: 5-6) "If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not put Jerusalem above my greatest joy." The dream of returning to Zion was written in the books and minds of every Jew! Herzl, one of the founders of the State of Israel had decided that the returning to Zion would not be a temporary thing but a permanent thing. He was the first man attempting to fulfill Aliyah.

As the Holocaust occured, some people performed Aliyah but not enough people made this vital stop. The result, six million of our brothers and sisters murdered! If there was a state at that time, founded by the constant flow of Aliyah, maybe just maybe the numbers of Jews murdered would have decreased considerably. At least the Jews would have a place to go for safety. So Aliyah was a dream that our forefathers had, a dream which was passed on to us today. Aliyah was a dream before the first brick was layed in Israel. It was a dream before the mere idea of a Jewish State came into existence!

As our forefathers did, today we are responsible to carry on the responsibility to carry and even heavier to fulfill. Today, more than ever, we need Israel and Israel needs us. Israel can be compared to a cake. A cake needs many ingredients to turn out right, basically flour and spices. It lacks one of these ingredients it will not succeed properly. As with Israel, we are the flour, people, the main ingredient. The spices are just bits of money we send.

Without flour the cake cannot turn out at all, as without people Israel cannot survive. Sure it helps to donate money for Israel needs it badly, but more than money Israel needs us to donate ourselves. We in the Diaspora are responsible for Israel whether we like it or not. If Israel goes down the drain, so do we! We are connected to Israel from thousands of years ago. All Jews are their brother's keeper so we are responsible for Israel.

It is morally wrong and unjust to sit back and give money, and say that you have fulfilled your obligation to Israel, when men and women fight for Israel, the country we call our own, and lay their lives on the line without question! We have fulfilled our obligation to Israel only when we have performed Aliyah, the fulfillment of the dream of generations. Aliyah is a long and hard road but once you conquer it the rewards are great. Aliyah should not only come from oppressed countries such as Russia and Syria but from us in the free world. If you come to offer your services in Israel, Israel has a lot to offer you back. A reward from Aliyah is watching the country that you are helping to build grow in size and spirit! The need for Aliyah is greater now than it ever has been, for Israel is a young and new country. It needs us Jews to bring our skills, our strengths and ourselves to contribute to Israel.

Aliyah is not spurts of oil every so often to keep the wheel of Israel going and turning. It has to be a continuous flow that builds and builds! As the source of this flow we must not cut off the lines with Israel! If we ever hope to survive as Jews in the future, Aliyah is the only lifetime that will not break.

With the Arabs boycotting oil and putting people on "Black Lists" for dealing with Israel, who knows what can happen in the future? The survival of the Jew depends on Israel and Israel depends on the Jew of the Diaspora to survive! The way things are going today there could easily be another Holocaust. It is an ideal time, just like it was in Germany. Everyone is having severe economic problems and are blaming the cause of these problems on the Jews and Israel. Aliyah is the only thing that will keep the Jew's head above water for without we will drown. Money can't buy people so really it is in our hands whether Israel must live or die! Aliyah will certainly eliminate the latter choice. Aliyah was a promised thing thousands of years ago and now the gates are open, so we must pass through them!

This is the month of the Exodus from Egypt, yet we still are not a free people. Not only are Jews oppressed in Syria and Russia but in our so-called "free world". We are oppressed by terrorism, anti-Semitism, intermarriage but the biggest enemy are the Jews who don't care about Israel or their heritage. What is the solution that will solve both these serious problems? The solution is a return to Zion, Aliyah. We must break the bonds with Egypt before it is to late.

Aliyah is needed today more than ever. The Yom Kippur War has shown Israel and the Jew of the Diaspora that Israel cannot fully rely on the forces within to survive. She must know that she can rely on us, the Jews outside of Israel. So as you can see, Aliyah is a dream, a dream that must be fulfilled now more than ever! It can only be fulfilled by us, the Jews of the Galut. As Ezekiel sums it up best in his poetic phrase, (chpt. — 37) told to him by G—d, "Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wither they are gone, and will father them on every side, and bring them into their own land. And I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountain of Israel. And one king shall be king to them all, and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided in two Kingdoms any more." This message uttered years ago still pertains to the present and the future! So as you can see the call of yesterday must be heeded today. Aliyah was the dream of the Jewish people since the time of Abraham and it must remain a part of us, till we make this dream a reality!!!

SECOND PRIZE

By Shelley Sternberg, 14-years-old, Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

ALIYAH AS A FULFILLMENT OF DREAM OF GENERATIONS

Our ancestors, since the time of our exile from Israel after the destruction of the second Temple, have always yearned to return to the Holy Land. This yearning or dream, in the sense that it was something unreachable at the time, can be traced all through Jewish history.

After the Children of Israel were captured and torn from their land and the Temple (burned) they were paraded nude and chained before Nebuchadnezzar in Babylonia. A command was then heard to sing the "Songs of Zion." Rather than desecrate their land and beliefs by uttering these songs under such circumstances our predecessors put their thumbs to the roofs of their mouths and shouted," if I forget thee, O Jerusalem, I will forget my right arm." The right arm symbolizing something necessary, urgently needed and dear.

Even though there were always small Jewish communities in Palestine, may it be under the Babylonians, Romans etc., the true wish was a Jewish state for all Jewish children as it had been promised to Abraham. This yearning and love was expressed by individuals and groups alike all through the lands of the exile not only in bad times but in the times of spiritual and material plenty. For example during the Golden Age of Spain, a great poet and philosopher arose, the famous Judah Halevi.

Judah Halevi's poems, as he grew older came to deal mainly with his longing to return to the air of Jerusalem, the hills of the Negev — the land of Israel. These poems became known as the "Songs of Zion". It is told of Judah Halevi that after defying all logic and advice he finally reached his ultimate destination-Israel. As he bent to kiss the most beloved of all soils on the earth he was trampled to death by a rebellious Arab horse-backrider.

A rabbi by the name of Moses Hayim Luzzatto (1707-1747) from Italy, who lived during the time of the Renaissance, was inspired by the writings of the Kabballah at a young age. He wrote a book on the Zohar for which he was forced to leave his home in Padua and go to Amsterdam. In Amsterdam his longing for Israel was rekindled by the writings of Judah Halevi and he started his long trip. His life in Israel, like that of Judah Halevi, was short for a plague wiped out the whole family, but he was one among many who went on Aliyah — a going up to rebuild a Jewish homeland.

The constant desire to return to Israel was given a name in the late 1880s by Theodor Herzl-Zionism.

Herzl had given a name to the yearning of 3000 years of history behind him and had started the first trickle of returning or Aliyot to Israel.

The First Aliyah was from 1880-1905 and was a group of Russians fleeing from pogroms and bloodshed at home. Few were legally permitted to enter Palestine but that did not stop the Jewish immigration. They came on foot, by boat, through blizzards and hail to a neglected little piece of land in Asia. The land that was part of their wildest dreams had now been reached.

The Jews kept on coming from 1905 until the outbreak of World War I. People came whether they were running from trouble or leaving shelter to the land of their hearts' desire. This group of people, the Second Aliyah, started the kibbutz settlements. Having not enough money or strength, after long journeys, to start out in a new land alone, people shared production and produce on jointly bought land.

At this time World War I had broken out and a scientist by the name of Chaim Weizmann was living in England. In return for a great discovery he asked nothing but unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine after the war if it was under English power. This wish was granted in the form of the Balfour declaration.

The dream of Aliyah to Israel was coming closer to many as a fulfillment not only to themselves, but to their courageous ancestors.

The early years of Britain's rule, 1919-1929, brought the Third Aliyah. Again Jews fleeing Russia and Poland for their lives after a revolution against the Czar turned to the only place on earth where they would feel safe. Palestine — a land which was hoped to soon be truly theirs.

With the rise of Hitler and his Nazi Party the Germans and Jews of Central Europe were faced with the question of where to run.

The answer appeared for some in the ever growing Zionist movement. The teachings of our fathers were newly presented and many took their households of doctors and lawyers and gave it all up temporarily for the Israeli way of life.

Many Jews all over Europe unfortunately did not realize Hitler's motives and stayed behind. These were the people who ran to the Aliyah Bet. As the nightmare of war seemed inevitable and the Jewish "troublemakers" realized that war would mean nothing but their own lives, immigration to Israel came in a new manner — Illegally! This happened because of the abolishment of the Balfour Declaration thereby stopping immigration. The Hagganah (army of Israel) bought old dilapidated boats which as it was had little chance of arriving safely to Israel but with the added condition of night landings the chances were even more slim. Nevertheless the boats were crammed with as many people as could get on to get to the freedom and help of Israel.

Many never reached Israel. They were sent to camps in Cyprus after being caught by the British or because of overload and the terrible conditions they sank.

The problem of refuge was even greater after the war when 6,000,000 of our fellow Jews were slaughtered leaving young boys and girls to meet the world relatively alone. The congress settled many but the question still was where to go. A place where they would be accepted and not chased out of Germany, Hungary, France and almost all the countries of Europe. A land where this treachery would not be executed on future children. For many this land was North America but for others the dream of freedom was Israel. Those who came to Israel came on stuffed boats or any transportation they could find often risking lives on the Jews to reach their future homes.

This generation and in many cases the children and grandchildren have lived to see the dream of Aliyah come true. The State of Israel was born!! We pray for her good and the dream of the final Aliyah to her, in the days of the Messiah together and in peace, as can be seen in the Shemoneh Esreh. This hope and mutual concern for a Jewish land helps to keep us together as a Jewish nation.

THIRD PRIZE

Susan Gross, 14-year-old, Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

ALIYAH, THE FULFILLMENT OF A DREAM

Next Year in Jerusalem! The day is the fifth of Iyar, 14th of May, 1948. After two thousand years, a dream has come true, the Jewish state is re-established. All the time that the children of Israel were in exile, they never forgot the land of Israel for a moment. The Jewish dream became the hope that eventually the Jews would be united with Israel.

Even after the Jews were exiled from Israel, the land managed to hold Jews, the world over, together. This was due mainly because of the Jews great love for Zion. Whenever the Jews were in great trouble and danger, they remembered the glories that occurred in Israel. All the time, that the Jewish people were separated from their land, they never lost hope that someday, possibly in their generations, the messiah would come and take them back to their country. Some generations used physical force, to make their dream a reality, while other generations depended on prayer to God, that he might bring about a miracle. The Jews that lived in Babylonia during the exile of Nebuchadnezzar never forgot the land of Israel, therefore they swore: "If I forget Jerusalem, may I lose the use of my right arm, my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not place Jerusalem as the greatest of all my joys."

In the eyes of the Jews, Israel was looked upon as the land of dreams, the land of the messiah, the place of miracles and hopes, the land of peace. Throughout Jewish history, the Jews never had a country they were allowed to identify with. The Jews needed a land of their own.

There were also notable individuals who yearned to go to the land of Israel with all their hearts. I think that one of the foremost Zionists, was Yehuda Ha-Levi. Yehuda Ha-Levi lived during the middle ages in Spain. He was a great poet and his first love was Hebrew poetry. In his poems he expressed the hope that one day, all Jews will return to Israel. But writing about Israel was not enough. As he grew older, he desired more and more to walk upon the holy soil of Israel. In his poems he expressed his love for Israel with lines that have become famous throughout the years:

"My heart is in the east, but I am in the west."

"How can I taste what I eat, How can food to me be sweet."

"Ode to Zion," was the last poem he wrote, and we recite it on Tisha Be-Av, the commemoration of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. His beautiful lyrics brought him the title, "Sweet Singer of Zion." The inspiration of Yehuda Ha-Levi held the Jewish nation together at times of terrible persecution.

Also Rabbi Moses Ben Maimon, the "Rambam" desired to go on Aliyah to Israel. Unfortunately, Palestine was being ruled by the Crusaders, and they didn't give the Jews peace and forbade Jewish immigration.

The establishment of the state of Israel became a reality due to the efforts of several people, but I feel that the fulfillment of the Jewish dream came about mainly because of Aliyah. The main Aliyah came after the holocaust. Thousands of refugees realized that there is only one place for a Jew, and that's the land of Israel. Despite the fact that the British did not allow immigration, the refugees never lost hope. The "Haganah", helped thousands of refugees enter the land as illegal immigrants. Nothing was going to stop the Jews from fulfilling their dream.

So many millions of Jews died for the land of Israel, since the time of Titus, until now. During the time of the Spanish Inquisition, crusaders, pogroms, Holocaust, War of Independence, and other wars in the defense of Israel, the Jews never had to think for a minute, whether or not they should give up their lives to Israel and the sanctification of God's name. When I think of all the Jewish lives that were lost, so that we can have a Jewish state today, it saddens me, for the majority of Jews still live outside Israel.

There are difficulties in going up to Israel, from Canada and United States. In 1939, even when the Jews of Europe realized what was going to be their fate, they found it difficult to leave their loved ones, their possessions, the place where they grew up. If those Jews found it hard to leave, it's easy to understand why it would be so much harder for us to leave. The main reason is that we're spoiled since we have all the physical comforts.

You cannot separate God, Jews, and Israel. The "Ramban" the Rav Moses Ben Nachman declared, that a Jew should only do the commandments outside the land of Israel as practice for when the Jews return to their homeland. "The Ramban" also states that conquering and settling the land of Israel is a commandment on all generations.

Israel has to be the centre of all happiness for a Jew. On our wedding day, the happiest day of our lives, we break a glass, so that we remember that without Zion there is no complete or true happiness.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Perl Webber, age 14: "The Jews are a nation chosen from all the other nations to be separate and special, and Israel is the land set aside for the Jewish people to live in and to live like total Jews."

Steven Cohen, age 14: "We are like a plant that if severed from its roots will die. We, the Jewish people, need to be connected to our roots - Israel. If we are separated, then we, the Jewish people, will not survive. The outside world is constantly trying to separate us from our roots, but we must not allow them to break our ties, or it will mean our deaths. Israel shall dwell in us, and we will strive to live in Israel."

Naomi Jacobs, age 14: "The dreams and yearnings of Jews today are centred around Israel: to return to our land - the land promised to us by the Almighty; to return to our land that for over 2,000 years we have been parted from, and to help in sustaining its growth into a nation. We must preserve our heritage and Israel is a part of it."

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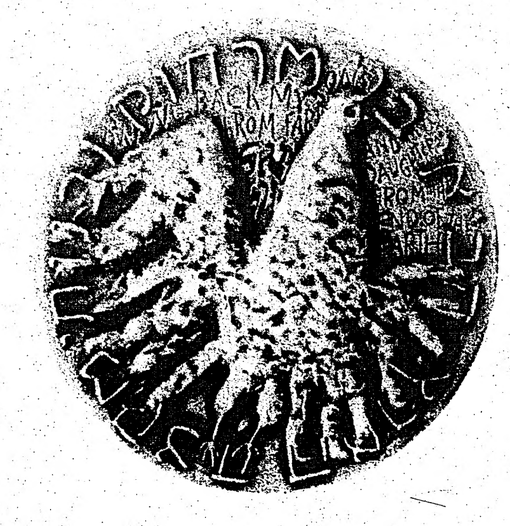

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